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WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

THE PRESIDENT'S LATE SPEECH—ITS UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE.

President JOHNSON'S remarks to the Montana deputation, published this morning, have attracted general attention. His declaration of independence of all political parties and all mere party conditions, and his pledge to promote the restoration of peace and harmony to the Union by all the means in his power, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, have been received as defining his position and marking out the lines of division which political parties are likely to assume for some years to come. As a general thing his declarations have been received with great favor. The extreme men who are committed to opposite views denounce him as untrue to his party, and are diligent and active in trying to alarm the more timid by telling them the President has deserted his party and gone over to the Democrats. All this is perfectly idle and absurd. Whatever differences may arise between the President and his political friends will be adjudged or fought out within the ranks of his own party. When he has occasion to fill vacancies in office he will do it from his own party and not from the ranks of the Democrats. I have no doubt that in making his selections from the Union Party for appointments he will take those who support his views rather than those who oppose him; but further than this he will not go. It is very clear from the tone and tenor of his remarks that he will appeal to the people, if forced to do so, against the disorganizing ultraism of Congress. But Union men may dismiss all their fears about his going to the Democratic Party. The ultraists in the House have given some new indications of their peculiar regard for the public welfare in their action on the Naval Appropriation Bill. Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, moved to strike out every item in aid of the Navy-yards at Norfolk and Pensacola, and had the aid of Mr. STEVENS, who had himself reported the bill. Gen. BANKS acted with them, and said that he would vote for no appropriations to National works in the Southern States until he knew more of the temper and disposition of the people there. This was assented to and made the key-note of the action of the House. Mr. BIRD, of Massachusetts, and Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, attempted to make the House understand that, in case of a foreign war, it would be important to defend our Southern coasts as well as Northern, and that the Gulf and West India Squadrons would need harbors there for supplies and repairs. This was dismissed as of not the slightest consequence, and was met by Mr. WASHBURNE and Mr. INGERSOLL, of Illinois, by the assertion that with or without navy-yards we are a match for all the navies of the world, and this met with such h earty and unanimous assent that nobody thought it worth while to say anything further on the subject. Yesterday the appropriations for the Brooklyn Navy-yard were struck out in very much the same temper and with the same enlightened regard for the public welfare, in spite of a vigorous and able remonstrance from Mr. DARLING.

MR. JOHNSON TO THE NEGRO DELEGATION.

The remarks of the President yesterday to the colored delegation who called on him are extensively commented on here, and some of the extreme Radicals affect to see in them the spirit of growing hostility to the colored race. As the conversation has been reported and printed in full, the public will see that there is nothing in it to warrant any such assumption, and nothing could be further from the truth. The President simply affirmed what he has so often uttered in the past, and assured the delegation that he should not vary from that course, which he believed would be best for both races. Those who torture such expressions into hostility against the colored race, not only do injustice to the President, but go out of their way for the purpose of making an issue with him. It is proper to add that this delegation, in calling upon the President, intended to simply make their address and then retire, without giving him any opportunity for a reply. But Mr. JOHNSON took occasion to enter into a very frank conversation with them on the practical difficulties which surround the subject of negro suffrage in the South, and which must be removed before that right can be conferred upon the colored people of the several States.

RUMORS ABOUT THE NEW-YORK COLLECTOR.

A rumor was current here to-day, and probably reached New-York, that Judge HENRY E. DAVIES had been appointed Collector of New-York. It was wholly without foundation. No appointment has been made, and I think I am warranting in adding that none will be made for some days to come.

THE FREEDMEN'S BILL.

In the Senate, this afternoon, Mr. TRUMBULL, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back the Freedmen's Bureau Bill as it passed the House, with the recommendation that the House amendments be concurred in, with the exception of two or three, the most important of which is the amendment which confines its operations to those States wherein the writ of *habeas corpus* was suspended on the 1st of February, 1866. The committee recommend that this be stricken out, because it would prohibit the operations of the Bureau in the States of Maryland, Delaware and Missouri, where they think it is needed. It would have come to a vote this afternoon, but Hon. GARRETT DAVIS got the floor, and proposes to talk upon the subject. The bill may go to a Conference Committee yet.

TAX ON SPIRITS.

Hon. B. EGGLESTON, of Ohio, this afternoon asked, but failed to obtain consent, to offer a resolution in the House to the effect that it is unwise to reduce the present tax on spirits. Mr. EGGLESTON explains that the report of the Commission to revise the Internal Revenue tax recommends the reduction of the tax on spirits from two dollars to one dollar per gallon, and this report has been published in the newspapers and read all over the country. The effect of this has been to paralyze and almost suspend trade in whisky, as all are waiting to see what Congress will do. The Committee on Ways and Means have not yet considered the proposition recommended by the Commission, and they may not dispose of it for some weeks to come. The resolution will therefore be urged in the House, in order that the suspense and apprehension of traders in spirits may be at once removed. The matter will come up again next week. Mr. WENTWORTH, of Illinois, and others representing corn-growing regions, oppose the resolution.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Senator LANE, of Indiana, spoke to-day for about two hours in favor of the Constitutional Amendment, taking the grounds on the reconstruction question of JOHN STUART MILL, viz.: That the United States retained its power and authority over the rebel States, but the latter, by the act of rebellion, forfeited all their rights and privileges under the Constitution. He argued that the President, in issuing his amnesty and Provisional-Governor proclamations, recognised the seceded States as in a territorial condition, for he thereby deprived them of the privilege of electing their own governors, and also said who should and who should not vote. The authority to issue these proclamations was not derived from the President's war power as Commander-in-Chief, but from the constitutional provision ordering him to execute the laws of the United States. If he had a right to say that disloyal persons shall not vote, he also had the right to say that loyal men should vote. He insisted that the President had no power to inaugurate or carry out any plan of reconstruction. His authority in the premises ceased when Congress convened. He announced himself as favoring the amendment in its present form.

THE BROOKS' CONTESTED SEAT.

A motion was to-day made in the House Committee on Elections, that the testimony of GEOGHEGAN, one of the witnesses in the Brooks-Dodge contested election case, be sent to the United States District-Attorney, for the purpose of prosecuting GEOGHEGAN for the numerous violations of law of which the witness rather boastfully admits he has been guilty. The evidence of the "King of the Roughs," as GEOGHEGAN calls himself, discloses an interesting chapter of life in New-York that would astonish the oldest inhabitant of that city.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

A bill has been reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs, by Representative RICE, of Massachusetts, providing that in time of peace the number of Rear-Admirals on the active list of the navy be reduced. Whenever any officer of that grade shall be removed by death, resignation or otherwise, the removal is not to create a vacancy to be filled so long as peace continues. Promotion to the grade of Rear-Admiral on the retired list is to be made by a board of not less than three Rear-Admirals, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall select for promotion three Commodores from the retired list as most worthy by character, ability, and honorable service to be promoted, one of whom shall be selected by the President, and sent to the Senate for confirmation as Rear-Admiral. The bill further provides that of the number of line officers of the navy on the active list, Five Lieutenant-Commanders, 20 Lieutenants, 50 Masters and 75 Ensigns shall be appointed from those officers who have served in the volunteer naval service for a period of not less than two years, and who are either now in the naval service or have been honorably discharged. The Board is to select the most meritorious among the applicants, to be reported to the Secretary of the Navy for appointment.

TRIAL OF SEMMES.

The trial of Capt. SEMMES, it is intimated, has been de layed thus long for the reason that all the proceedings that are requisite for its commencement have not yet been agreed upon. The names of many parties of high position in the merchant service including upwards of fifty ship-captains who have suffered from the depredations of the accused, are known and some of them will probably be summoned at the proper time.

It would doubtless facilitate matters if any of those ho have served on board the *Alabama*, either as officers or sailors, and whose testimony would be valuable either for the defence or the prosecution, should send their addresses to the Judge-Advocate at the Navy Department, the law itself being a safe assurance that no personal disadvantage could result to any one who does so. It now seems that there will be but little further delay before the organization of the commission and the commencement of the trial.

TO INVENTORS.

It is desired that the inventors of the thousand and one improvements in fire arms that have been within the past five years and are now urged upon the Government for adoption, shall make their appearance before the board ordered to assemble in this city on the 10th of next month, and make a showing of the merits of their several inventions, or forever after hold their peace. Gen. HANCOCK is to be the presiding officer of the board who are to examine and make recommendations on the following questions: *First*—What form and calibre of breech-loading arm should be adopted as a model for future construction of muskets for infantry. *Second*—What form and calibre should be adopted as a model for future construction of carbines for cavalry? *Third*—What form of breech-loading arm should be adopted as a model for changes of muskets already constructed to breech-loading muskets? Each person who submits an arm to the above board will be required to state in writing the lowest price at which it will be furnished in the event of its being adopted by the government.

CASH RECEIPTS.

The receipts from the different sources from July 1, 1865, to Feb. 1, 1866, reached the sum of $200,980,968 09, being $934,804 50 per day, and it is estimated that under the present system the receipts to July 1, 1866, will amount to $300,000,000. The Commissioners' published report for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1865, containing full statistical tables of the receipts for that time, and the different sources from which the revenue is derived, will soon be ready for the public, and will doubtless be read with much interest by taxpayers generally.

VIRGINIA POLITICS.

JOHN MINOR BOTTS has been in Alexandria for a few days past, and has visited Washington daily. It is understood that he desires to be heard before the Reconstruction Committee on the question of the validity of the present Government of Virginia, particularly as regards the Legislature.

Messrs. JOYNES and MARSHALL, members of the Committee appointed to present the President with a copy of the loyalty resolutions recently adopted by the Virginia Legislature, arrived here this evening. The rest of the Committee will arrive to-morrow morning, and it is expected that they will gain an interview before Saturday.

PERSONAL.

Among the arrivals here this morning are Mrs. DANIEL WEBSTER and Col. LEGRAND B. CANNON and daughter of New-York. Hon. GEO. BANCROFT and Mrs. BANCROFT arrived this evening, and are the guests of the President and family.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Senator EVANS, of Colorado, has written a letter to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, now in session at New-York, urging the importance of a more thorough survey to find a feasible passage of the Rocky Mountains, in Colorado, between the head of the Arkansas River and that of Boulder Creek, by which route over 100 miles of roilroad can be saved in reaching Great Salt Lake. He claims that this route passes through a country capable of settlement, most of the way abounding in fertile valleys, timber, coal and pure water.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The delegations of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Indians, now in Washington, are earnestly engaged in settling as near as possible the business which called them hither, having as many as two interviews a day with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, partly in relation to the purchase of the immense tracts of land in their country by the government.

The Cherokees, both the loyal and disloyal representatives, and the Seminoles are having their views considered, and treaties will probably be made with all of them satisfactory to them, and in direct accord with the wishes of the Government.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The Printing Bureau of the Treasury Department, to-day, printed $88,500 in fifty and five cent fractional currency. This sum replaces an equal amount of mutilated currency which has been cancelled. The new five cent fractional currency has been printed at the Treasury Department.

PHILADELPHIA NAVY-YARD.

Responses from official data communicated to the House of Representatives to-day, that the estimated value of the Philadelphia Navy-yard is $1,000,000, on a rental value of $60,000 per annum.

PUBLIC LANDS.

The Secretary of the Interior reports to the House that the cost of surveying land in California up to the present time is $1,314,500, and the proceeds of all sales of lands $630,765.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Radicals Backing Down on the State Suicide Doctrine—Stringency of the Measures for the Protection of the Freedmen—More Constitutional Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1866.

The developments in the debate yesterday on the bill giving consent of Congress to the cession of the Counties of Jefferson and Berkeley by Virginia to West Virginia, which involved the recognition of the old State of Virginia and its loyal government, were exceedingly significant. Mr. STEVENS was drawn out so far as to deny that he had ever held that the States were dead; they had always been States, but States of the Confederacy, not of the Union. This declaration surprised many who thought they possessed sufficient intelligence to understand what Mr. STEVENS has so often asserted in the plainest language, viz.: that the States lost their character as States by the act of rebellion, and that they were now nothing but "dead States," or "conquered territory." But this admission from Mr. STEVENS is indicative of an abandonment of the ground which he and a few others have so strenuously advocated since the opening of the session. Mr. BINGHAM, of Ohio, who is certainly a very able lawyer, went still further and denied that we had conquered the States; we had conquered the rebellion, and the States were left as before the war; he voted for this bill because he recognized the loyal government of the State of Virginia, and the right of that government to give the necessary consent to the session of these counties to the State of West Virginia. Thus it seems that the moment that the test of absolute fact is applied to this theory of "State suicide" it vanishes into thin air, and its most strenuous advocates are obliged to resort to subterfuges, or to acknowledge frankly that the war was waged only for the restoration of the Union, and that the rebellion having been crushed the suspended relations of the States are again resumed, subject only to such legislation as the changed and disordered condition of society and the future security of the Republic may demand.

And if any one doubts that the necessary legislation to meet these requirements cannot be secured without making the Constitution anew, or patching it all over with amendments, let him read the provisions of the Freedmen's Bureau Bill, which has passed both Houses, and the Civil Rights Bill, which has passed the Senate and is now pending in the House. I speak of these simply as samples of the stringent character of the laws which Congress is now engaged in considering and passing. No class of persons in this country were ever protected in their rights more effectually than are the Freedmen by these two bills. By these provisions they are accorded and protected in every right but that of the ballot; and by the new bureau bill the Government virtually becomes the guardian of the black race, and says to the Southern States and their courts—You must give the freedman his rights and protect him in their enjoyment; if you don't, we will, and we will punish you for not doing it. Mr. SUMNER and some others think that if the mere ballot be at once accorded the freedman, he will be furnished with "victuals and drink and pretty good clothes," without any further effort; that, being given the ballot, all else is given him—as Mr. SUMNER said yesterday. But, from the nature of these bills, it will be seen that the freedman is first to be guaranteed his civil rights, and then taught how to use them so as to speedily secure his political rights.

I thought, several days ago, that the mania for Constitutional Amendments had about ceased. But yesterday the House bore the infliction of three more. Some of the illustrious members can see no more patent way of handing their names down to posterity. The number of amendments thus far proposed would make two Constitutions of the size (on paper) of the one under which we live. They would be sadly deficient in wisdom, however. For instance, Mr. KELSO, of Missouri, whose musket was more potent in the rebellion than his logic promises to be in restoration, proposes to incorporate into the Constitution by amendment, the "conquered territory" doctrine, by providing that any State which may pretend to secede and set up its authority in arms against the National Government, shall be deemed to have reverted to a territorial condition, subject, like all other Territories, to the supreme control of Congress.

Mr. ANDERSON, also from Missouri, evidently having grown tired with the simplicity of the term "United States of America," proposes to amend the Constitution so as to provide that this country, which is to be the eventual, paramount power of this hemisphere, shall hereafter be known as "America." The spirits of COLUMBUS and VESPUCCIUS and the barbarians of the rest of the continent are not to be consulted, although they are presumed to have some interest in the political geography of the country. There is one point, however, in this amendment which would remedy an inconsistency every day growing. Why call all persons born within the United States *Americans*, and those beyond the St. Lawrence simply *Canadians*? The proper name for this country, considering its political divisions, is the "United States," but why should the citizens thereof arrogate the exclusive right to the title of "Americans?"

CYMON.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....Thursday, Feb. 8.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

Mr. CLARK, of New-Hampshire, introduced a bill in addition to the several acts, to establish and amend the judicial system of the United States, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It provides for ten Circuit Judges, as at present, (the amount of salary left in blank,) who shall take the following oath:

"I, A. B., do solmenly swear or affirm that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal to all, and will, in all things, faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Circuit Judge, according to the best of my abilities and understanding of the constitution and laws of the United States."

The second section provides that the Circuit Court shall consist of and be holden by the Chief Justice or an associate Justice of the Supreme Court, with the Circuit Judge; or, in the absence of the Chief Justice or associate, the court shall consist of the Circuit and District Judges; or either of the latter, in the necessary absence of the other, may sit alone.

Section third authorizes an appeal in cases involving fifty dollars, from the final judgment and decrees of a District Court to the Circuit Court; or, without regard to the amount in controversy, where the question involved is one of general importance.

Section fourth allows an appeal to be taken from the Circuit to the Supreme Court in cases involving $2,000, whether suits of equity, brought into court by original process, or actions of admiralty and maratime jurisdiction, or cases appealed from other courts; but in special cases, for due cause shown, to the Chief and associate Justices of the Supreme Court, an appeal may be allowed without regard to the amount in controversy. Exceptions are made under acts relative to inventors or for the collection of import duties.

The fifth section provides that the present laws shall remain in full force, except as hereinbefore stated, as far as relates to Circuit or District Courts, their Judges, powers, processes, proceedings, clerks, time and places of holding, certificates of division of opinion, etc.

SENATOR FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Mr. DOOLITTLE, of Wisconsin, presented the credentials of JOHN POOL, Senator elect from North Carolina, and, in doing so, Mr. DOOLITTLE stated that he owed it to the Senate, as well as to himself, to state that Mr. POOL was, and always had been, a devoted friend of the Union; that he was the Union candidate for Governor of that State in 1860, before there was any immediate danger of secession. He canvassed the State and opposed secession by every means in his power to the very last. After the ordinance of secession had passed he retired to private life and refused to take any part in political affairs until the peace movement commenced in North Carolina, in which he took an active part, and did all in his power to embarrass the rebel authorities.

The credentials were ordered to lie upon the table.

PETITION AGAINST THE HOMESTEAD LAW.

Mr. COWAN, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition asking for the repeal of the homestead law, that the proceeds of the sale of public lands may be applied to the payment of the public debt, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A VOICE FROM WISCONSIN.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, presented the petition of citizens of Wisconsin asking that Congress spend no more time in discussing the question as to whether the Southern States are in or out of the Union, but that they proceed to legislate so as to prevent the shedding of innocent blood in the South and to protect loyal men there, black and white; which was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN UTAH.

Mr. STEWART offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to protect citizens of the United States in the Territory of Utah in their civil rights.

SENATORS FROM COLORADO.

Mr. LANE, of Kansas, moved that the Senators elect from Colorado be admitted to seats upon the floor of the Senate. The motion was agreed to.

CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY TAKEN.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to repeal the act authorizing the settlement of claims against the United States for property used or destroyed by the army or navy in the late rebellious States; which was referred to the Military Committee.

PERSONAL RELIEF.

On motion of Mr. NYE, a bill for the relief of J. B. RITTENHOUSE, Fleet Paymaster of the Pacific Squadron, to indemnify him for the loss of money stolen from his safe, was taken up and passed.

WITHDRAWAL OF BONDED GOODS.

Mr. MORGAN called up the bill to extend the time for withdrawing goods from public stores and bonded warehouses.

THE BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

The expiration of the morning hour prevented final action upon the latter bill, and the House joint resolution to amend the Constitution on the subject of representation was taken up.

Mr. LANE, of Indiana, spoke at length on the proposition. He approached the discussion on the subject with a sense of its great importance, entreating Senators to merge the partisan in the patriot, and act only with reference to the good of the country. It was the custom of an Athenian orator to invoke the aid of the gods before speaking, and he felt that he ought to invoke the Christian's God on the present occasion. He felt, on approaching the subject, that he was treading on holy ground. Speaking of the constitutional guarantee of a republican form of government, Mr. LANE asked if the Constitution of North Carolina was republican in form. He did not think it was. The President, as Commander-in-Chief of the army, had the right to appoint Provisional Governors. When the war ceased, it was the duty of the President to recognize provisional governments in the rebel States. The States that were in rebellion had lost their connection with the Government such as it was before the war. Mr. LINCOLN and Mr. JOHNSON so distinctly recognized in their acts repeatedly. The power of the President over the rebel States ceased with the convening of Congress, and it was for the Congress of the United States to fix the status of the seceded States. A State under the Constitution has no sovereign power to act, except so far as its acts accord with the provisions of the Constitution. The lately seceded States are not States in the true definition of the term. They have forfeited their rights as such. They have rebelled against the Constitution. They have cost the government three thousand millions of dollars and half a million of lives. The proposition to admit these States as at present is simply monstrous. We are called upon now to compromise. What have we accomplished by compromise? What act of conciliation tendered to the rebels had any effect during the war? Not one. He wanted it known that the rebellion was put down by force, and by force alone. He agreed with the President that this question of reconstruction and suffrage ought to be left to the States. If the President has a right to regulate suffrage at all; if he has right to say who shall not vote, he has a right to say who shall vote. He would wait until the had trumped summoned the rebels to judgment before he would admit them to these halls. He did not know that the emancipated slaves were fit to vote, but they were quite as fit for it as the rebels. His plan of reconstruction would be to pass an amendment to the Constitution that after one, two or five years, every man who had taken the oath to the Constitution of the United States, shall vote. He would disfranchise the rebels for the same space of time, and when he admitted them to vote again he would let the negroes vote with them. We were not ready for restoration upon either rebel votes or colored votes. It was the duty of the President, to present, to present a plan of reconstruction to the country. It was the duty of the United States to see that every State had a republican form of government. But this could not be done without the aid of Congress. The late rebel States were not in a condition to be admitted into the Union, for one out of ten of the citizens of the Southern States are rebels. He would not send rebels to Congress to make laws and treaties. He believed it would be safe to admit the rebel States when several important amendments had been incorporated in the Constitution, when black men were admitted to civil rights, when the Freedmen's Bureau Bill and the Civil Rights Bill were in operation—not before all these things were done would he vote for the admission of Southern Representatives, with the exception of those from Tennessee. Every man elected to Congress from Tennessee could take the oath of office required of all members. In Arkansas, too, he believed men had been elected who might be admitted. One thing was certain, no man from any State would ever be a Senator with his consent until he had taken the oath.

On motion of Mr. JOHNSON, the further consideration of the Constitutional Amendment was postponed until 1 o'clock to-morrow.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU BILL.

Mr. TRUMBULL, from the Judiciary Committee, reported the bill for the enlargement of the power of the Freedmen's Bureau with the House amendments.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to agree to the House amendment, except that one which restricted the operations of the bill to the States in which the writ of *habeas corpus* was suspended on Feb. 1, 1866. This amendment would exempt Delaware, Maryland and Missouri from the operations of the bill.

Mr. GUTHRIE, (Dem.,) rose to reply to some remarks on the loyalty of Kentucky made by the Senator from Indiana, (Mr. LANE.) He denied that Kentucky was ever disloyal or in the hands of disloyal men. He knew that Kentucky was loyal, and that since the Governor, who was in office when the rebellion commenced, went out of power, the Governor and Legislature had been always loyal.

Mr. SHERMAN said the rebels of Kentucky were the most troublesome during the war, and the present condition of Kentucky justified Congress in applying the Freedmen's Bureau Bill to that State. He looked upon the Freedmen's Bureau Bill as nothing more than an agency in the hands of the President to secure freedom for the emancipated slaves of the South. After referring in general terms to the bill under consideration, Mr. SHERMAN said that never with his consent would the rebels come here with their political power increased rather than diminished by the rebellion, to use that power against the government.

Mr. HENDERSON wanted the bill made general in its operations, and therefore would not vote for the House amendment, even though it proposed to exempt his own State. The only way to protect the freedman was to give him the ballot.

Mr. SUMNER—That's it.

Mr. HENDERSON said he were a rebel he would rather take the unqualified negro suffrage than wear the badge of this Freedmen's Bureau Bill. If negroes were to be taxed they must be represented. When this kind of legislation made all men equal before the law there would be peace in the country—not till then. He would, for his constituents in Missouri, agree to take negro suffrage.

Mr. TRUMBULL did not think the right of suffrage would feed the hungry nor clothe the naked colored people of the South. Since the days of Townsend's Sarsaparilla he had not known of such a universal remedy for human woes as Mr. HENDENSON proposed to make out of the right of universal suffrage.

Mr. MCDOUGALL (Dem.) adverted to the fact that we had been engaged in several wars before this, and had never had a bill of this kind until now.

Mr. TRUMBULL said he would remind the gentleman that the only free Republic on the face of the earth? There should be nothing sectional or local in the appropriations made for them; and he scorned the imputation that there is anywhere room for sectional jealousy in relation to the common country. They are the property of the East, West and Middle States, and, he trusted, of the Southern States, to whom they are all common property.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, did not give his assent to what the gentleman from Massachusetts had said concerning the condition of the navy. We have gone through the war with the Navy-yards we had, and with seven hundred vessels, a hundred of which have been discharged; and at the very heel of the rebellion, and when we want no further naval marine, the Committee on Naval Affairs come in and ask appropriations for millions, after this Committee had gone through this bill item by item, and stricken out between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000. He protested in the name of the American people against these outrageous and extravagant appropriations of public money, and against such expenditures, without a complete and direct demand by the public interests. Take the Navy-yards at Charlestown and New-York. What reasons were there for appropriations for new works? Did the gentleman from Massachusetts appeal to the fears of the House when he stated what France and England might do? He scorned to be controlled by such considerations. He argued with his colleague, (Mr. INGERSOLL,) that we have a navy sufficient to protect the coasts of the whole world, and that we should not make unnecessary appropriations, especially when their constituents were ground down by oppressive taxation, and when we were almost on the eve of a financial panic, and yet the gentleman said we must vote these appropriations, referring to what France and England are doing as the basis of his argument. But the gentleman would not frighten this committee. He understood very well how agreeable it was to those Navy-yards to have such vast appropriations, and to have the disbursement of those various sums of money while their constituents footed the bill. As a representative of the people he protested against such expenditure. He agreed with the gentleman from Pennsylvania that this was not the time to rebuild the Navy-yards at Norfolk and Pensacola, the ruins of which were almost smoking to-day from the fire of the rebels. No one could tell when, if rebuilt, they would again be destroyed. He was willing to protect the public property there, but not to go further. If hereafter those States come back into the Union and prove their loyalty and are true to the flag, then the House could consider whether or not appropriations for these Navy-yards should be made.

Mr. RICE, of Massachusetts, said that while the House yesterday struck out so many items of appropriation he restrained silent, because he wanted to see what good would be developed. But he had discovered nothing of that kind. Gentlemen had argued against appropriations for these navy-yards is if they were State institutions. They were no more local than forts for defence where our coasts a vulnerable. There was no argument against navy-yards that could not with equal propriety be directed against fortifications. Our ships were not in one part of the ocean more than another; whenever our commerce goes there must be our ships.

Mr. PIKE expressed his views on the subject. He was astonished at striking the Pensacola Navy-yard. He did not intend to be alarmed by the statement of the gentleman as to what France and England were doing.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, offered an amendment, which was agreed to, appropriating $20,000 for the preservation of the property of the United States at the Pensacola Navy-yard.

Mr. RICE, of Massachusetts, offered an amendment, providing that so much of the first section of the act of July, 1864, as appropriated $25,000 for bounties for the destruction of enemies' vessels, shall apply in all cases of destruction of vessels during the recent rebellion, and at the same rate. It was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS offered an amendment, which was agreed to, that no money appropriated by this bill should be paid to those who had failed to take the prescribed oath of office.

The bill was then reported to the house, with various amendments, and without final action thereon it was laid aside until to-morrow.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the special order, which was the bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy.

Mr. JENCKES, who reported the bill from the committee on that subject, having the floor, gave way to Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, who said:

Mr. SPEAKER: The member from Kentucky, (Mr. ROUSSEAU,) who used unparliamentary language in reference to myself, is, I observe, in his seat, and I embrace the first opportunity since the publication of his speech, to show him what my animus towards him was in the remarks I made; that I had no desire to do him injustice, or to impugn his honor. His own language in the *Globe* presents the question of fact, and I read it, viz.: "If you intend to arrest white people on *ex parte* statements of negroes, and hold them to suit your convenience for trial, and fine and imprison them, then I say that I oppose you; and if you should so arrest and punish me, I would tell you when you set me at liberty." Mr. GRINNELL remarked, here is the person to whom the member referred. I read from his answer to a question put by the Chairman of the Select Committee, viz.: "I refer to Col. MCCALEB as one of the men connected with the Freedmen's Bureau in Kentucky; and he is the man whom I told that if he undertook to arrest me and my family, as others had been arrested and punished, I would kill him." I give the member the full benefit of an explanation of his declaration that he would kill a white officer, acting under oath and in the discharge of his duty. Is that a less unworthy act than to shoot an American citizen of African descent? That may not have been degrading to his State; and whether it was, as I said, language unbecoming an American officer is a question which I shall refer to the gallant soldiers of the State of Iowa who have fought, thank God, but upon one side. And whether it was language unbecoming an American officer I might refer to the code of honor of the first of American generals and the greatest of American captains, the Lieutenant-General of the United States. I have nothing more to add, only to repeat that my animus toward the gentleman was the kindliest. I criticised his language from a sense of duty, and have given it in my own language in justice to him; although he first used the inflammatory language toward me, which, as I said, I regarded as no offence.

Mr. ROUSSEAU—I ask the gentleman to read his own language in reference to what I said.

Mr. GRINNELL—I have it here and will read it, as follows: "This discussion is not promotive of the most commendable temper. The honorable gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROUSSEAU) declared on Saturday, as I caught his language, that if he were arrested on the complaint of a negro and brought before one of the sub-bureaus of this bureau, when he became free he would shoot him. Is that civilization? It is the spirit of barbarism that has too long dwelt in our land; the spirit of the infernal regions that brought on the rebellion. I further said in reply to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. SMITH) I occupied the Speaker's chair when the gentleman's colleague was speaking, and I heard the words; but the gentleman has seen fit, like other gentlemen, to withhold his speech for revision, and I cannot therefore refer to it. I have no desire to do him the least injustice or impugn his honor.

Mr. ROUSSEAU—I have to thank the gentleman that I objected when I rose to a personal explanation the day before yesterday. The House will see at a glance the difference between a gentleman saying he will protect his wife and children against the outrage of which I was speaking of when I alluded to that matter, and a saying he would kill a person who should attempt to arrest him on the *ex parte* statement of a negro. And when I got up here the other day and said in my place that I used no such language I meant just what I said, and in that regard the speech as published has been changed in no line, word or letter from what it was reported by the reporters of the *Globe*, as I took it down. The gentleman can have his own ideas as to what he would do if his wife and children were arrested in the evening, as was the case of which I was speaking, and ordered to be held by the Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau until morning, to be tried at his convenience. The gentleman can have his own notions; I have mine; and I say here that a man who would allow such outrages to be committed as I indicated the other day would do what I would not do. Gentlemen undertook to correct me the other day, when I said these things were done while the Bureau was under the orders of Gen. FISK, and the agent there acted under his orders. Be that as it may, if any gentleman would allow his wife and children to be arrested and taken from him without law, and led away between two bayonets in the hands of negroes, and imprisoned during the night, to be tried at the convenience of the agent of the Freedmen's Bureau, he is at perfect liberty to do so; but I would not submit to it. I would resist it, and if bloodshed come of it, let it come. I hold that the freedom and liberty I claim to enjoy is worthless if my family and myself are to be taken away from my home under these circumstances. This explanation, however, is a very small matter, and I do not wish to have these personal explanations taking up the time of the House in this way. I believe there is not a man upon this floor who would not indorse the sentiments I have uttered, that under any circumstances he would stand by his wife and children. If the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GRINNELL) chooses to tell the House here to-day that he does not indorse that sentiment, then let him do so. I shall not envy his position. He may attempt a fling at Kentucky by talking about fighting on both sides of this question. Kentucky does not care what he may say, and I must say I do not care one cent about what he may say; but I will tell him one thing, that, whether on the Union or rebel side, he could not point to a Kentuckian who ever turned his back upon danger, or who has ever dishonored or disgraced himself by deserting or failing to defend the cause he espoused; and when that gentleman got up here the other day, and said that I degraded my State when I said I would defend my wife and children as well as myself from these outrages, he uttered what I then pronounced to be a slander, and what I now repeat to have been a slander. If I know myself, I know that I would do no act that would degrade either my friends, my family or myself, and the language he then used was unnecessary and uncalled for. It was uncourteous and unkind, and against the rules of this House as I understood them; and I did not know what else to do than to get up in my place here and pronounce it false and a vile slander upon me; and that I did think, and I think now, he should have done the same toward me if I had assailed him in like manner. And what I accord to other men I must and will claim for myself. I regret that it is necessary to make these explanations. The language I did utter the other day, however, justified me in what I said here. If the gentleman had properly quoted my remarks I should have said nothing, but that he did not do. If there is a reporter here who will say that I have not given the true version of my remarks, then I will admit that I am wrong. I hope to hear no more about the matter. It is not worthy the attention of this House. I think enough was said about it the other day; more than I want to hear again.

Mr. GRINNELL—I have discharged my duty. I have allowed the member to report himself, and he does not see fit disposed to take advantage of his own wrong to retract his words. He throws himself back upon his style of dignity, and he has a perfect right to do so.

Mr. ROUSSEAU—I wish the gentleman would indicate what words he expects me to retract. I do not understand him.

Mr. GRINNELL—I have not asked the gentleman to retract anything. I simply wished to allow him an opportunity to explain himself—by his own speech to show what was the difference between his declaring and my statement of it. I thought that he said he would shoot a negro, while it appears by his speech that in these instances he said that he would shoot a white officer of the United States while on duty. That is all the explanation I wish to make, and I am willing to stand in his position. If the gentleman means to say that Kentucky is the only State where sons do not turn their backs in the day of danger, then I apprise him that there are other States in the Northwest whose sons I defend from cowardice. It is not for me to boast that I belong to the profession of gory Mars, I have not had much experience in fast running, but trust that I have a comfortable amount of that quality which means standing still and, both in writing and meeting the consequences of my acts and word at home and abroad.

Mr. ROUSSEAU—I cannot allow the gentleman to become defender of the troops from the Free States. I simply wish to say that I have made no reflection upon the soldiers of the various States. I have fought with them, Sir; and I only wish the gentleman from Iowa had been willing to be present to see the bravery and gallantry with which the troops from his own State deported themselves in time of battle. I have fought with these men and know them, and I would rather die than cast a reflection upon them.

Mr. MCKEE (of Kentucky) rising to an explanation, said that in the report telegraphed to the Associated Press, he was reported as saying that Kentucky was the most disloyal of all the rebel States. What he did say was that Kentucky had been one of the most disloyal States. He did not wish to withdraw that assertion. She has not only been one of the most disloyal States, but one of the most troublesome; and no State has more practically supported in her legislation the doctrine of secession than she has.

Mr. JENCKES made a brief speech in relation to the Bankrupt Bill by way of introduction, saying that it was the result of previous Committees of Congress and of the present one, who had considered the subject in the light of former experience in this and other countries. They had endeavored to provide for merchants and men of business—a case of debtor and creditor of equal and just principles, which should have practical operation in all parts of the country. The bill had been printed in large editions, and abstracts of it had been published in newspapers and legal periodicals. Every lawyer and man of business had had an opportunity of seeing its provisions. Many amendments had been suggested by practical men, and some of them adopted. Since the last Congress this bill had been under consideration in other countries. In the last Parliament of Great Britain, a select committee had the question of a revision of their system before them, and out of twenty-one propositions of amendment, eighteen were identical with those embodied in the bill of the last Congress. One criticism had frequently been made that this bill is too long and elaborate; but it should be remembered that it contains a code of positive law of debtor and creditor in every State, and is intended to be National in its character. Provision is made for a code of rules in every court. With the simple machinery of the bill, it is believed that the objections heretofore made will be entirely overcome. Every commercial nation has adopted a system of bankruptcy. The bill was framed so as to take effect on the business of the country as it now exists, and time is given for the formation and circulation of the rules, and for men to become acquainted with them. It is believed it will become a permanent system.

The bill was then considered by sections, Messrs. HALE, CONKLING and others participating in the proceedings.

Mr. ROGERS objected to one of the sections, saying the test oath therein required was odious, despotic and unjust, as it excluded a large number of persons from performing the duties of officers named in the bill—all who have given aid and comfort to the rebellion, whether as mere subordinate officers or those who were dragged into that service. It might be difficult to find anybody to take the oath, in order to carry on the necessary machinery. The test oath, he repeated, was unconstitutional. It was an infringement of the law by the strong arm of despotism, because these men disagreed with us on a political question and took up arms in their own defence. He wanted the restoration of harmony and good feeling. He did not want to see any more such laws passed after peace had been declared. The President had pardoned all except certain designated classes. That immaculate man was now endeavoring to restore the country to its former glory and grand

RAILROAD SMASH-UP.

A Bridge on the Newark and Bloomfield Road Gives Way.

One Passenger Killed and Eight or Ten Injured.

A smash-up resulting in the death of one passenger, and the injury of eight or ten others took place on the Newark and Bloomfield Railroad yesterday morning. As the train which leaves Montclair at 1:30 A. M., was approaching the Bloomfield station, a bridge over which it was going, suddenly gave way. The engine had passed over in safety but the tender and the first passenger-car following were badly broken up. The second car, which fortunately contained but few passengers, was thrown down the embankment a distance of ten or twelve feet and was completely wrecked, not a whole window and hardly a whole board being left in it. The smoking-car fell into the chasm made by the giving way of the bridge and was crushed into fragments.

The passenger-car, following the smoking-car, ran over the abutment of the bridge, and while one end rested upon the wreck of the smoking-car, the other end was elevated at such an angle as to cut off the forward end of the next car, which, together with the last car of the train, remained on the track.

The most serious injuries were sustained by the passengers in the smoking-car. MILTON HOLT, of Montclair, a young man, 22 years of age, was instantly killed. His remains were so mangled that they could not at first be recognized. They were only identified finally by papers found in his pocket, and it was noted as a curious incident that his watch was still going when it was removed from his body. JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Jr., also sustained serious injuries about his head and body, but had regained his consciousness at last accounts, and it is thought will recover. Mr. J. C. BRAUTIGAM, of the firm of WHITE, SHEFFIELD & Co., Beekman-street, was also quite badly cut about his face and head. SAMUEL ARBUTHNOT, the conductor of the train, with Messrs. JOS. DOREMUS, ELISHA SMITH and J. C. ROBLEY, of Montclair: Mr. GRAHAM, an officer in one of the City banks, and OWEN CONLAN, the newsboy, as well as a number of others, sustained injuries more or less severe. There were a number of very narrow escapes. Mr. W. B. BRADBURY, of this City, had his hat taken off by the floor of the third car, as it crashed in the end of the one following, and Mr. JULIUS H. PRATT, who was also in the fourth car, was thrown a considerable distance, but was uninjured.

Drs. JOSEPH A. DAVIS and I. D. DODD, together with Dr. HOCKING, were promptly on hand, and rendered the sufferers all the assistance in their power.

The bridge, the giving way of which caused this disaster, was about twenty-five feet long, and the abutments were twelve or fifteen feet high. It was at first the general impression that the disaster was entirely attributable to the fact that the ends of the string pieces were badly rotted, and this belief was strengthened by the statement that the bridge had been formally reported unsafe during the last month. It was subsequently stated, however, that a rod connecting the train with one of the string pieces was found to have been broken in a place where it was impossible to discover the fault, and that the bridge was thus fatally weakened. It was further said that partial repairs had been made to the bridge during the last few weeks.

Universal surprise was expressed by those who witnessed the disaster, and saw the thorough wreck made of the train, that the passengers, who numbered fifty or sixty, should have escaped without more extensive injuries, distressing as those were which they actually sustained.

In justice to the Newark and Bloomfield Road it should be stated that this is the first disaster of any importance that has occurred upon it during the ten or twelve years that it has been running.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner SANDFORD arrived from Newark, and having empanneled a jury, visited with them the scene of the catastrophe and the body of Mr. HOLT, where it still lies, in one of the rooms at the railway depot; but, unable to ascertain all the facts connected with the case, the inquest was adjourned until 1 o'clock this P. M.

However painful it may be to record this loss of life and list of serious injuries, it would seem that the direct interposition of Providence alone has saved us the still more painful task of writing a list of casualties much more frightful in its character. At Montclair, on the day previous to the accident, there was a wedding, and in attendance at it a considerable number of the friends of the contracting pair, from Newark, Jersey City and New-York. Shortly after the ceremony the bride and groom left for this City, but, as is customary, the guests remained to enjoy themselves. Dancing was so prolonged that the tired young people, with a few exceptions, and amongst them the unfortunate MELVON HOLT, overslept themselves on the following (yesterday) morning, fortunately missing the train, on which, doubtless, had they gone, their lives would have sacrificed.

Mr. HOLT was a grandson of Mr. CALEB BALDWIN, well known in connection with the manufacture of cotton gins. He resided with Mr. H. W. PARKERS, who is his mother's second husband. He was universally esteemed, and his melancholy death affects the good people of Bloomfield and Mount Clair exceedingly, our reporter meeting no one who failed to say some kind thing about him or regret his loss. Mr. PARKERS, who is at Boston and has been telegraphed for, was much attached to his step-son, being left childless by the loss of his own son, whose shattered remains were brought home to him from Mississippi where he lost his life by the explosion of a steamship boiler.

The body of Mr. HOLT is in charge of Mr. BACHON and his son, the sextons of Mount Clair church, and will remain so till the conclusion of the inquest, after which it will be removed to Mr. PARKER'S residence at Mount Clair, and from thence on Saturday afternoon to the village church for interment.

The Case of School Commissioner Allen.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In justice to the Committee of the Board of Education " who had under consideration the contested election case of HORATIO P. ALLEN against JAMES B. BRADY," I hope you will permit me to say, that I am here your censure of that committee in today's TIMES, for not having reported a word "concerning the authors and perpetrators of the crime," and for not having "pushed their investigations to the point of exposing and bringing to punishment the forgers." is wholly undeserved by them.

This committee, on the contrary, are entitled to the highest commendation for the prompt, faithful and honorable manner in which they performed their duties. They thoroughly examined all the witnesses produced, and so far from the offence " being whitewashed " by them, as your remarks would seem to imply, it was promptly denounced in the most emphatic manner; and the Board of Education as promptly unanimously confirmed their report.

I deemed it the duty of the committee, merely to inquire and report as to whether I was duly elected to the office, and entitled to any seat, and having clearly shown that to be the fact, I there rested my case. I knew that there are Courts of criminal jurisdiction, whose especial duty it is to expose and bring "to punishment the forgers," and I preferred to do "one thing at a time," believing that course the best to be pursued in this matter. This is only "the beginning of the end."

In their report the committee say, " the committee do not deem it necessary to comment on the enormity of the offence committed—they think that the evidence speaks distinctly and sufficiently to the proper tribunals, and to the people of this city, to impress on their minds the importance of punishing the wrong-doers, and of constant vigilance, in order to maintain the sanctity of the ballot."

If these "proper tribunals" will do their duty as fully and fearless as this committee, and the Board of Education have done their, in this matter, every good citizen will be satisfied. H. P. ALLEN.

Feb. 8, 1866.

Complimentary Card.

STEAMER EUROPE, OFF CHERBOURG, Jan. 19.

We the undersigned, passengers by the General Trans-Atlantic Company's steamship *Europe*, on her voyage from New-York to Havre, on the 5th of January, desire to express to Capt. DUCHESNE, and through him to the officers and men under his command, our lively sentiment of obligation and gratitude for their vigilant and effective services during the passage that is now approaching its end. In addition we would acknowledge with gratitude that our satisfaction is complete with all the appointments of the Company's line, with the uniform courtesy and assiduous attention to the comfort and conveniencies of passengers which we have found upon this ship, and with the qualities of the ship herself, which while disabled in her machinery by accident, such as all are liable to and no one could foresee or prevent, has yet been able to make the voyage as speedily as is usual at this season of the year.

(Signed.) Ex-President Millard Fillmore, Daniel Brainard, M. D., Sheldon Leavitt, Max Erlebach Jules Hauel, L. Leberthon, Geo. W. Shepherd, Franz Moharty, E. L. Isham, S. F. Curtis, A. H. Shepard, F. Lavergne, E. Sombert, R. B. Jimins, A. Bidwell, F. Napoleon Say and others.

OUR WHARVES AND DOCKS.

Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce—Report of the Special Committee—Piers Supported on Iron Tabular Columns Recommended.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon, to receive the report of the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the general subject of the improvement of piers, and also in reference to the sale or lease of piers to the New-York Pier and Warehouse Company. Mr. JONATHAN BRUNDAGE presided. There were only eight members present.

The Committee presented a very voluminous report through their Chairman, Mr GEO. W. BLUNT, of which the following are the most important points:

They are conscientiously convinced that the present wharf and dock contrivances surrounding our city are not only inconvenient and inadequate, but that they are a danger and a disgrace.

The present wooden piers, the only dock facilities we have, projecting from the shore into the water way, are mere primitive and temporary contrivances. They are utterly unconvenient—except in a few instances, where permission has been granted by our State Legislature to private individuals to erect weather sheds over them—and must remain so, because not only the law of the State forbids the erection of any buildings on them, but they are too weak to support any. The result therefore, is that the vast commerce of our city, consisting of more than three-fourths of the commerce of the whole country, is transacted upon weak, narrow and uncovered piers, which afford no protection to merchandise from sun, fire, frost, storm and theft. From this exposure there is absolutely no protection or escape, under the present system, and the inconveniences are greatly aggravated by the fact that all warehouses, public and private, for the storage of merchandise, are located at a distance from the shipping, and those all the inconvenience of the port is subjected to an unnecessary and expensive cartage, and in cases of goods in bonds designed for reshipment a double cartage. All the results of the decentralization of business, which follow from locating warehouses at a distance from the shipping, when our landing facilities are taken into account, are conspicuously seen here in respect to cartage, demurrage, breakage, insurance, brokerage, sale, delivery, customs, inspection, warehousing, shipment, bonding system, smuggling, plundering, and exposure to the weather.

The additional expenses and losses arising from these sources, by reason of the present system, constitute a heavy and serious charge upon the commerce of the country, which is borne by the consumer and producer.

Commercial convenience not only requires an utter change in our dock system, but it is imperatively demanded for the protection of the harbor and the health and adornment of the City.

The present piers projecting parallel to each other, at short intervals from the shores of our island, operate to arrest tidal damm, which obstruct the flow of the tides, and create still-water in the slips which they form, and which are the receptacles of the surface drainage and sewerage of the city. These feculent deposits, consisting of decayed animal and vegetable matter, including a percentage of the city and sewerage from the streets, which are thus emptied into the still-water of the slips, and there remain in enormous volume, filling them up and poisoning the atmosphere. Thus is our island girded literally with a belt of pestilence.

The penalty for the inconveniences, dangers and disgraces of the contrivances now in use, is a problem which has engaged the attention of the municipal, State and national authorities for many years, and many plans of dock structures have been from time to time proposed, but all have involved either the one or the other of the two general systems, viz.:

1. Inclosed, excavated basins, as at London, extending from the shore into the city; or,

2. Walls of masonry, or stone piers, extending from the shore into the water-way.

To basins there is the insuperable objection that the mere tongue of land upon which New-York is built will not admit of being cut up, and of the destruction of streets and avenues now found inadequate to the busy traffic and surrounding enterprises of the city, in order to make room for basins capacious enough to accommodate our shipping and commerce.

To the other plan of walls of masonry or stone piers, extending from the shore into the stream, there has been raised the objection that they would obstruct the flow of the tides, those giant scavengers, and thus make permanent the evils of the present system arising from the sewerage and other deposits between the slips, but with regard to this objection the Committee are not prepared to give an opinion.

Impressed with these views, we met for conference with the Committee of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and ascertained the nature of the application of the New-York Pier and Warehouse Company, and the objects, purposes and nature of that Company.

The Company was incorporated by the Legislature last Winter, for the purpose of enabling it to construct and maintain iron piers and warehouses in combination, according to a plan devised by J. BURROWS HYDE, Esq., an engineer of this city.

Mr. HYDE'S plan consists in supporting the piers upon iron tubular columns, filled in with concrete or masonry to the bed of the stream, and upon the piers thus supported to erect iron warehouses.

The columns, varying from two and a quarter to six feet in diameter, and standing several feet apart, according to the depth of the bed of the stream and the weight each has to support, will permit a free flow of the tides around and between them.

This manner of erecting columns of masonry under water is familiar to all our engineers, and on account of its comparative cheapness, is in very general use in England. It is being successfully applied in the Harlem Bridge.

The warehouses to be erected upon the piers thus supported, are proposed to be five stories high, the first story to be uninclosed and to consist of the floor or top of the pier, which is to be provided with cartways, and to be used as a public wharf or pier for the discharge of such cargoes as are to to be taken away immediately, while the upper stories are to be inclosed and provided with hoistways, elevators, &c., where goods can be stored. Each of the warehouses is to be provided with steam engines with which to hoist merchandise directly from the vessel to either the open or inclosed stories of the warehouse, and which of itself also serve the purpose of a fire engine to protect the structure, the shipping in the harbor and the adjacent buildings. By means of this machinery and disposition of cargoes vessels can be discharged in much less time, and thus the heavy losses by demurrage now sustained greatly diminished.

These structures, thus combining a pier and warehouse, thereby bringing the storage and shipping close together, can be entered from the exterior street during business hours, and after that time can be closed up by gates, and our fortress now are, and placed in charge of watchmen, and thus effectually prevent pilfering by the thieves who now infest our open piers and wharves. They are also capable of the highest degree of architectural ornamentation, and if erected around the city would most certainly greatly adorn it.

If this plan of structures is practicable, that is, if it is founded on correct engineering principles—and we do not see why it is not—we are free to say that of all plans yet proposed for permanent and uniform structures, it is one of the best that can be adopted consistently with the preservation of the harbor, the health and adornment of the city, and the increasing necessities of commerce.

The report concludes as follows:

"The opportunity to begin the work is now afforded by means of the New-York Pier and Warehouse Company. The exercise of its powers are subject to a proper supervision, and its plan is pronounced by competent engineers, and believed by your Committee to be admirably calculated to answer the end in view.

With piers erected on pillars of iron and stone, and having on them iron warehouses of several stories high, the advantages they will afford to our largely increasing commerce are almost beyond calculation.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Committee that the commerce and healthfulness of the City, and the preservation of our harbor imperatively demand the establishment of a proper system of docks and structures.

Resolved, That our experience has shown that the City authorities have wholly failed to do their duty toward the City and its commercial interests in this particular, and that private enterprise and capital should be invited to provide the accommodations for commerce.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Committee, the plan of dock structures, proposed by the New-York Pier and Warehouse Company (it being the only one presented to us,) should be adopted as the beginning of a new, permanent and uniform system.

The report is signed by GEORGE W. BLUNT and J. S. SCHULTZ.

Mr. OPDYKE hoped the report would not be adopted. He objected to that portion of it which spoke of the ownership of the wharves and piers. It seemed to him monstrous to say that the City did not own the piers and wharves and the land on which they are erected. The ownership, moreover, was a question with which the Committee had nothing to do, and he hoped that that portion of the report would be stricken out.

Mr. BLUNT said the title of the State to the property was well settled. It was illustrated when the Legislature gave the ground for the erection of the addition to Washington Market, at a cost of $750,000.

Mr. JAMES KELLY, Postmaster, hoped the report would not be adopted. If it was, it might be considered as a precedent for the Legislature to give away other franchises including those of the railroads and ferries.

Mr. OPDYKE'S motion to strike out that portion of the report relating to the ownership of the piers and land was adopted. The further consideration of the report was then postponed, and the Chamber adjourned.

Month's Mind at St. Stephen's Church, in Memory of Rev. Dr. Cummings.

Yesterday morning a vast multitude of the admirers of the late Rev. Dr. CUMMINGS flocked to St. Stephen's Church, in East Twenty-eighth-street, to witness the imposing ceremonies in memory of the distinguished and lamented founder of that largest of our Roman Catholic churches. The interior of the edifice was heavily hung with black, and over the high altar, in white letters on a black background, was the scriptural legend, " Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord." The memorial *catafalque* stood at the head of the centre aisle, and bore the baret, stole and chasuable of the dead, with beautiful wreaths and a large cross of natural white roses. The altar and its immediate neighborhood were brilliantly illuminated by wax tapers and gas jets.

The Guard of Honor who officiated at the obsequies of Rev. Dr. CUMMINGS, namely: Messrs. MCNULTY, NICHOLSON, LARRENS, GEORGE R. DOWNING, and others—took position near the *catafalco*, and a score of Roman Catholic clergymen, among whom were the Rev. Fathers Maloney, McLaughlin, Simon, Parsons, Neco, Orsemgo, Quinn, McGlyan, McSweeney, Conron, Boyce and Gambolier, ranged themselves in front of the altar, and at 11 o'clock Rev. Dr. BURTSALL, Master of Ceremonies, ushered in Rev. Father THOMAS FARRELL, of St. Joseph's Church, the celebrant, and Rev. Fathers WOODS and MCGLYNN, the Deacon and Sub-Deacon for the occasion.

CHERUBINI'S grand requiem mass was executed by a double quartette choir, under the direction of Professor Rudder, and the Organ Anthem, from Rossini's Stabat Mater, the requiem which Rev. Dr. CUMMINGS selected for his own obsequies was rendered by Signor ABBADIE and Mr. ——, and made a very fine subject of the dead was pronounced by Rev. Dr. MC GLYNN.

The late Dr. CUMMINGS, who was a great and good man, was one of the most popular of the Roman Catholic clergy of New-York. He was born in Washington City, in April, 1818, and after his mother, who spared nothing in the training of her boy, removed to this City, he was sent to the College at Nyack, and after a preparatory course he went thence to Rome, where, under the Propaganda, he graduated with the highest honors, and on his return to the land of his birth, he was stationed in 1847, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in Mulberry-street. After a time he erected a schoolhouse on Twenty-seventh-street and Madison-avenue, and taught there until he had built St. Stephen's Church, of which he was pastor at the time of his death. As an accomplished linguist he drew about him many students and spread to the principles and usages of law.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Circuit Courts of Appeals shall, at the first session thereof respectively, adopt such rules as they may deem proper to regulate the time and manner of making such appeals, and prescribing the terms and conditions upon which the same may be made. They may also establish such other rules as they may deem necessary for the regulation of the practice of their respective courts, and vary from time to time alter and revise the same.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That the final judgment of a District Court in any criminal action may be reviewed by the proper Circuit Court of Appeals upon writ of error. Such writ may be allowed by any Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals, but such writ of error shall not operate as a stay of proceedings unless it is so ordered by the Judge who allowed the same.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That terms of said Circuit Court of Appeals shall be held in each Judicial Circuit on the first Tuesdays of April and October in each year, and at the following places: In the First Circuit, at the City of Boston; in the Second Circuit, in the City of New-York; in the Third Circuit, in the City of Philadelphia; in the Fourth circuit, in the City of Baltimore; in the Fifth Circuit, in the City of Savannah; in the Sixth Circuit, in the City of Louisville; in the Seventh Circuit, in the City of Columbus; in the Eighth Circuit, in the City of Chicago; in the Ninth Circuit, in the City of Saint Louis; and in the Tenth Circuit, in the City of San Francisco.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals upon questions of fact shall in all cases be final and conclusive; but a review upon the law may be had upon writ of error or appeal, in the manner now provided by law, to the Supreme Court of the United States, from every final judgment or decree rendered upon any decision of a court of appeals where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of one thousand dollars, or where the adjudication involves the construction upon the construction of the Constitution of the United States, or any treaty or revenue law of the United States, or where the court shall certify that the adjudication involves a legal question of sufficient importance to require that the final decision thereof should be made by the Supreme Court. Such writ of error or appeal shall be sued out or taken within one year after the entry of the judgment or decree sought to be reviewed. The Supreme Court may affirm or modify or reverse the judgment or decree brought before it for review, or may direct judgment or decree to be rendered, or such further proceedings be had as the justice of the case may require.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That Commissioners who have been appointed by any Circuit Court in the United States, in pursuance of an act of Congress, shall be deemed Commissioners for the District Courts of such district, and the several District Courts shall hereafter have the same powers to appoint and remove Commissioners as have heretofore been possessed and exercised by the Circuit Courts.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That any Judge who shall, in pursuance of the provisions of this act, attend any Circuit Court of Appeals at any place other than his own residence, shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for travel and attendance, to be certified by the clerk and paid by the Marshal of the District in which such court shall be held, and allowed him in his accounts with the United States.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerks of said Courts of Appeals and the marshals attending the same shall be allowed the same compensation for their services, respectively, as are now allowed by law to the clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States and the marshal of the District of Columbia for similar services, and shall have the like remedies for collecting the same.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT CIRCUIT.—*Part II.*—Held by Justice CLERKE, in the General Term room. Court opens at 10½ A. M. Short causes—Nos. 1016, 1001, 1313, 1220, 1711, 1120, 1035, 1717, 1774, 1473, 1495, 1468, 834, 1307, 829, 1551, 1710, 2057, 1738, 1987, 1901, 1800, 2014, 1389, 1128, 1715, 1905.

CIRCUIT.—*Part III.*—Held by Justice FOSTER, at No. 73 Duane-street.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Nos. 578, 433, 311, 821, 620, 153, 20, 656, 1079, 881, 896, 905, 675, 501, 407, 915, 776, 632, 472, 568.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Held by Justice SUTHERLAND, at No. 73 Duane-street.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Nos. 135, 159, 165, 169, 172, 174, 175, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 187, 188, 189, 191, 193, 194, 195.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.—*Part I.*—Held by Justice MCCUNN. Court opens at 11 o'clock A. M. Nos. 1795, 1475, 1636, 1637, 1640, 1643, 1811, 1831, 1839, 1769, 1573, 1869, 1871, 1873. *Part II.*—Held by Justice BARBOUR. Court opens at 11 A. M. Nos. 1938, 2330, 1762, 2368, 1756, 1764, 2398, 2420, 2424, 2426, 2428, 2430, 2432, 2434, 2436.

COMMON PLEAS.—TRIAL TERM.—*Part I.*—Held by Judge DALY. Court opens at 11 A. M.—Nos. 1306, 1276, 1398, 1807, 405, 1317, 1328, 1069, 1305, 372, 928, 1332, 805, 1050, 1307. *Part II.*—Held by Judge CARDOZO.—Court opens 11 A. M.—Nos. 1146, 1385, 1384, 838, 1174, 1210, 1392, 264, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1112, 1275, 1372, 1316.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS—Held by Justice INGRAHAM.—Nos. 5, 62, 88, 90, 100. The general call commences at No, 118.

LEGAL REFORM.

The Reorganization of the United States Judiciary.

The following is the text of Senator HARRIS' bill for the reorganization of the United States Judiciary:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the 1st day of July, 1866, the Circuit Courts of the United States shall be abolished, and the several district courts of the United States shall, in addition to the authority and jurisdiction now vested in said courts, have original jurisdiction of all actions at law and suits in equity commenced or prosecuted by the United States or any alien or both committed for trial at the General Sessions, without bail. None of the stolen property was recovered, except a few forks dropped in the street, and it is supposed that there were other men engaged in the robbery, who succeeded in getting off with their plunder. The flames in the parlor were quickly extinguished, causing but slight damage. MOONEY is 17 and MORTON is 21 years of age, and both are natives of this City.

A SHOPLIFTER IN EIGHTH-AVENUE.

EDWARD TODD, a clerk in the employ of WILLIAM KINNEY, at Nos. 221 and 223 Eighth-avenue, caused the arrest of CATHARINE GORMAN, by Officer JACKSON, of the Sixteenth Precinct, on a charge of grand larceny. The complainant stated that on the 7th inst. CATHARINE came into the store and asked to see some goods with a view to purchase. While handling the articles exhibited, she concealed sixty yards of gingham, fifty yards poplin and forty yards plaid poplin, valued in the aggregate at $35. The officer making the arrest stated that he found the stolen property in the possession of the prisoner. The accused was committed for trial without bail. CATHARINE is 30 years of age and a native of Ireland.

The Tombs—Before Justice Hogan.

ROBBERY IN A WATER-STREET DEN.

Officers HORBELT and MULLER, of the Fourth Precinct, yesterday arrested MARY MALONY and MARK DRISCOLL, living at 274 Water-street, on a charge of having stolen $150 in United States Treasury notes from JOHN BRANDON. It was stated by the complainant that the money had been taken from his pantaloons pocket by the female prisoner, and on going down stairs she was seen to give DRISCOLL a $50 bill. Both prisoners, on being arraigned, were committed for examination. DRISCOLL was charged with having stolen $10 from ANDREW H. PURDY, who went to DRISCOLL'S place to lodge for the night. Previous to retiring, the accused persuaded his lodger to leave his pocket-book with him for safe keeping. The next morning, on demanding its return, DRISCOLL coolly denied ever having had any money belonging to PURDY. Both PURDY and BRANDON were committed to the House of Detention for witnesses.

Essex Market—Before Justice Shandley.

A NOVEL SWINDLE.

GREGOIRE W. KEMP, a German, was arrested yesterday by Officer POUSSON, of the Seventeenth Precinct, on complaint of CHARLES REUNER, residing at No. 214 Fifth-st. It appears from the statements of several witnesses that KEMP is in the constant habit of going about town with a subscription book, stating that he was an agent for the collection of funds for the establishment of an asylum for German orphan children. In this way he has obtained considerable money, in sums ranging from two cents up to as many dollars. It was during the examination that the accused would insert fictitious sums opposite subscribers' names, in order to make the totals more respectable. For instance if he received two cents, he would place another figure before the numerals, and thus read it 20. Justice SHANDLEY ordered KEMP to refund the moneys received from those who appeared against him, when some claimed the sums found in the book instead of the actual amount paid him. The prisoner was then committed for examination.

An Interesting Case of Counterfeiting—Government Detectives.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—EASTERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Benedict.

The United States vs. *Nelson C. Stewart.*—This case, which has caused some excitement, owing to the apparent interest taken by Government detectives in behalf of the prisoner, was brought to a close yesterday afternoon, after a three days' trial.

The prisoner was to have been defended by Judge Stewart, but as he was unable to attend, in consequence of his absence in Connecticut on the trial of the robbers of the Adams Express Company, the Court assigned Mr. Whiting to defend him. The Government was represented by Mr. Perry, Assistant District-Attorney, and Gen. Crooke.

The testimony was substantially as follows:

Percival O. Lowell, sworn: I reside at No. 197 East Green-place. I have lived in Brooklyn almost all my life; I have been married two or three years; I have known the defendant a little over two years; I have known Charles J. Roberts between six and seven years; I am a printer; Mr. Stewart employed me to print counterfeit notes for him a little over two years ago; it was a Friday when he first came to my house; he left word he would call on Saturday; he represented to me that he had some small pocket maps he wanted me to go and print; we walked out a ways together and made arrangements to meet him at Hoboken at the depot; I met him there on Monday morning; we took a stage and rode out a piece and came to a frame house, and he opened the front door with a key and we went in; I worked for him at Maspeth; I was sitting in Roberts' office, No. 62 Fulton-street, New-York, and Stewart came there and called him into the hall; Roberts came in and said he must have me go with him and print those notes; Stewart said yes, and they made arrangements to have me go; I went with him next morning; I met him at Williamsburgh, and we went to Maspeth, to a house there; he showed me two small plates; I did not pay much attention, but I saw they were long that day; the next day I met Stewart at New-York, and he gave me $5 to pay for a horse and wagon to get the press and other things, which I got and took to Roberts' house at Maspeth; Roberts helped me take them out of the wagon and put them up in the attic; the second day after Stewart came and brought ink and materials and paper; he gave me $25 that afternoon to get some things and take my wife out and board her there; we worked on these plates two days, making 50-cent stamps with the press; I printed the face and he the back; there was paper there, and Stewart a few days after brought a large roll; I worked about a month there—worked for between $15,000 and $20,000; Stewart came there several times and brought paper and ink; sometimes he took the currency away with him, and sometimes Roberts took it; I understood from them that they were in partnership; I was to have a cent for each impression; it was not decided which was to pay me; both of them paid me; Stewart paid me at one time $25; then Roberts paid me $15, and I had some money of each afterward; one press was at Mr. Stewart's; the other was at the house when I went there; when I stopped Stewart had not been to the house for several days; they had had words; each wanted to sell out to the other, but neither would pay the amount the other asked; then they made it up and went to work again; they moved the presses to the second story back room, and Roberts and I went to work there; Stewart came there two or three times that week and saw us at work; I saw Stewart take away this currency; we broke up in June or July, 1864. Stewart had taken away some currency, and two or three days after he came back and said he had destroyed it; it was not fit to sell; he took away one plate, (I think it was the face,) and said he would not have them working together again; he and Roberts had words; Roberts tried to make him bring the plate back; what commenced the difficulty was on account of Stewart's not making returns; after Stewart took the plate away, Robert i and I went into Connecticut, and I worked there with him altogether five weeks; I worked on two steel plates.

(The witness was here shown a steel plate, and identified it as the one he worked on, but could not identify another one which was shown.)

Cross-examined—I have been employed in the office of the Commercial Bank Note Company, and that he knew Lawrence and would not believe him under oath.

Cross-examined—I have heard Mr. Gurvin, a detective, speak of his character, and Mr. Ormston, an engraver; I have been employed in the United States service and was dismissed.

Thomas G. Gurvin testified—My business is that of an officer of the Treasury Department; I have known Stewart about a year; I employed him partly for the government; I have known Lawrence for a year; Lawrence had ill-feeling against Stewart; he said Stewart had cheated him; he said he would have him sent to Sing Sing; Lawrence's general character is very bad; I would not believe him under oath.

Cross-examined—I arrested Stewart once for counterfeiting myself; he was taken before a Magistrate and discharged.

Some other witnesses were called to impeach Lawrence, and several were called by the Government to sustain him.

The testimony was closed, and the case was summed up to the Jury by Mr. Whiting for the prisoner, and Mr. Perry for the Government.

The Jury were then charged by the Judge, and, after being out about five minutes, returned with a verdict of guilty.

A Large Verdict in a Libel Suit.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.—FEB. 8.

Before Justice Foster and a Jury.

Elias Hale vs. *George S. Page.*—This action was brought by plaintiff to recover the sum of $5,000 damages, which he alleged he had sustained by reason of the defendant having written and published a defamatory article, over his own signature, in the columns of two or three of the Philadelphia journals, in December, 1864, and January, 1865. The *Press* and the *North American & United States Gazette* were two of the papers in which it was printed. The following is a portion of the article complained of as libelous:

" We beg to inform our patronsin Philadelphia and vicinity that we have renewed the agency for the sale of our Patent Paraffine Varnish with Mr. Elias Hulburt & Co., for whom we bespeak a continuance of the patronage hitherto extended to them. We take this opportunity of advising the trade and consumers that we have discharged our late agent, Elias Hale, he having been detected in imposing upon our trade a worthless imitation of our varnish; and we would caution our friends in this city against the attempts of this individual, and others equally unprincipled, who are striving to injure the valuable reputation of our Paraffine Varnish."

The case has been on trial for two or three days, and was concluded yesterday. The trial was quite fully reported in the TIMES of the 7th instant.

After the opening of the Court yesterday, the testimony being all in, the counsel for the respective parties summed up to the Jury. Mr. Justice FOSTER then delivered his charge. The following are the material points:

He said this was a very important libel suit; that the word "caution" in the article complained of, was very likely to attract attention; it occurs more than once in the article; it was worthy of remark that in one of the papers, the communication, for the publishing of which the action was brought, appeared in an editorial column, where any one who read the journal must necessarily see it. It was proved that the newspapers in question had a large circulation. The Judge then quoted portions of the article, and remarked that that portion which states, "We are having detected Mr. Hale in imposing upon our trade a worthless imitation of our varnish, have discharged him in consequence." This, he said, was a transposition of the words, but it was the legal meaning of them, and he was bound to instruct the Jury that these words were in and of themselves libelous; and so also of the words "we would caution our friends in this city against the attempts of this individual and others equally unprincipled," &c. The libel contained in these words was worth the highest and most serious consideration of the Jury. In the answer the defendant had set up matter in justification and also in mitigation of damages. But had the defendant given evidence which convinced the the Jury that the matter contained in the published article was true. He had alleged that it was true in his answer, and that answer was sworn to, but had he satisfactorily proved it on the trial? That question was for the Jury to determine. The phase "and others equally unprincipled," the Court said he would charge as a matter of law, was of itself libelous, that is, unless the defendant had proved the sentence true. The length and breadth of the article was that plaintiff had attempted to palm off on the public as being of the defendant's production, a spurious article of varnish, and that plaintiff was an unprincipled man. If defendant had not sufficiently justified the Jury that all these allegations as he published them were true, the plaintiff was entitled to recover. The defendant had the "laboring oar," and if he has failed to prove what he set up in his answer it is his own fault. The defendant had set up the same facts in mitigation that he had in justification. If he had failed as to his proofs on the subject of mitigation it would go against him in aggravation of the damages to plaintiff's character.

The Court continued at some length to state the law to the jury as applicable to the facts of the case.

The Jury after a short absence returned a verdict of $8,000, on which the court granted an allowance of five per cent. equal to $350.

For plaintiff, Messrs. Gerard, Luther R. Marsh and J. FR. H. PRESCOTT; for defendants Messrs. Scott, Chapman and Hitchcock.

The Prussian Extradition Case.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Newton.

The return made by the Marshal in reference to Noelte sets forth that the Sheriff still refused to allow the prisoner to be taken from his custody and brought before the Commissioner on an examination as to the criminality in the charges brought against him.

Mr. Lapaugh said that, as counsel for the Prussian Government, he had studiously avoided all action that might be construed to an appearance of conflicting between the authorities. He had deemed it his duty to address a note to the Sheriff in relation to the custody of the prisoner, in answer to which the Sheriff said he held the prisoner by virtue of a warrant which he was bound to respect. He (Mr. Lapaugh) had been informed that the prisoner was held by an order of arrest in civil proceedings, and that was the reason he had not been produced before the Commissioner. He did not believe in introducing in this case any extended observations, by which complications would necessarily ensue. He had already shown by the course which he had taken a few days since, that he desired to avoid any conflict between the United States and the State authorities, but that there was no alternative but to demand at all times that the prisoner be produced for examination. According to the Sheriff's letter, it might be proper to state, it appeared that he was perfectly responsible for the prisoner, and that this was the main ground on which to proceed. He could readily show collusion between the men and women interested in this case, and if collusion such as this were made to destroy the object of the treaty which had been made, then some other method must be adopted to have this prisoner produced for examination. It was simply his duty to the Government of Prussia to insist upon having the prisoner produced, and he therefore moved that the case stand over until March 1 next, so that at that time the prisoner might be brought up for examination. The Prussian Government demands that this man should be produced, and he therefore insisted on having the case adjourned to March 1 next, so that in the meantime he might consult with Baron Von Gerhault, the Prussian Minister at Washington, and obtain instructions from him.

Mr. Goepp, counsel for Meyer & Co., desired to be heard in opposition to the motion to have the prisoner taken from the custody of the Sheriff.

The Commissioner held that he could not hear any argument from counsel for the prisoner, unless the latter were present.

Mr. Goepp said the law required that where criminal process is issued against a party previously in arrest on civil process he no further executed than by lodging it with the jailer, whose duty it becomes, after the civil arrest is terminated, to bring him before a magistrate under the criminal process in the same manner as if no civil arrest had taken place.

The Commissioner then directed that the warrant be redelivered to the Marshal for execution, the case to be postponed until March 1, unless the prisoner be sooner produced.

Composition Deed—What are Confidential Debts?

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Before Justice Foster.

Smythe, Sprague & Cooper vs. *Graydon, McCreery & Co.*—This action was tried before the Justice, without a jury, and is brought to recover the sum of $5,000. The defence is a composition deed, wherein the plaintiffs agree to compromise the debt upon payment of fifty per cent. The clause in the deed is as follows: "It is provided, however, that if the said Graydon, McCreery & Co. shall find it necessary to make an assignment or other general disposition of their property, and shall secure the payment of said fifty per cent. of our debts, either by preference in such assignment of confidential debts, or by turning out property or collaterals to secure the same; and if, by such means, we shall eventually receive payment to extent of said fifty per cent., then such payment shall be in full discharge of our respective debts."

The defendants made an assignment, and preferred the plaintiffs; but the assignment has been attacked, and its validity is now in question in the Court of Appeals. It was shown that the assignees have on hand funds sufficient to pay fifty per cent. to all their preferred creditors; but it was claimed that the defendants must show that it was *secured* by the assignment, and that being in contravention *non constat*; but it might be set aside, and the plaintiffs lose their claim. Mr. Justice Sutherland held that the deed did not estop the plaintiffs from recovering, in the 29th Howard, p. 11, from a second trial upon the order of the General Term made in this case then before the Court. It appeared that Samuel Graydon, a brother of one of the members of the firm, was preferred as a confidential creditor for $36,000 upon notes of the defendants given to third parties which he had purchased in the market at a discount. The plaintiffs claim he was not a confidential creditor; that a confidential creditor is an indorser, or one from whom money is borrowed, and not one whom defendants may choose to make such. The defendants were engaged in the dry-goods trade in Broadway, in 1861, at the time of their failure, and upwards of $1,000,000 of their goods were due in the Southern States at the breaking out of the rebellion. The question of the validity of the composition deed is now in the Court of Appeals from the judgment reported in the 29th Howard, page 224, and involves about $300,000. It has been the subject of much litigation, and many of the commercial firms of this city are interested in it.

Mr. Justice FOSTER reserved his decision.

Timothy Cronin for Smythe, Sprague

sood to be declared. The January earnings of nearly all the roads, New-York and Western, turn out much better than the croaking estimates early in the month. The two great lines of New-York, and also the Illinois Central, have made liberal gains on last season, while Michigan Southern and Rock Island, which were both consigned to ruin by some of our neighbors, because of the false prospects for traffic, show but a moderate falling off in gross receipts, and both probably realized more net cash than in January last year, because of the more favorable season for running their trains through the month just closed.

At 4 o'clock the following quotations were made as compared with Wednesday afternoon. The Railways advanced quite rapidly, and the whole list was buoyant. Government 5-20s of 1862 were ¼@¼ weaker, on some small parcels reported as sent back from London on speculation. They were all taken up at 103@103¼, and closed at 103¼ bid. The Foreign Exchanges were slightly better at the close of the day. Gold firm at 140¼ ₰ cent.

	Wed.	Thurs.
U. S. 10-40s	94½	94½
U. S. 6-20s	103¼	102¾
U. S. 1-30s	99¾	99¾
N. Y. Central	96¼	96¼
Erie	78¾	79¼
Hudson	103¾	101
Reading	104¾	104¾
Mich. Southern	69¾	69¾
Illinois Central	115	115
Pittsburgh	79¾	80½
Prairie du Chien	58	58
Northwest	32	32¼
N. West Pref	53¾	54½
Rock Island	89½	102¾
Fort Wayne	84¾	85
Cumb'land Coal	44½	44
Quicksilver	41	41
Mariposa	11¼	11¼
Canton	45¾	45¾
Ohio Certificates	24½	24½
American Gold	139¾	140¾
Bills on London	107½	107½

The following bids were made for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	110¼	Hanover	106
Merchants'	110	Irving	108
America	136	Metropolitan	120
Phenix	96¼	Market	110
North River	120	Shoe and Leather	102¾
Tradesmen's	130	Corn Exchange	108
Merchants' Exch'ge	105	Continental	97
Leather Manufac'rs'	130	St. Nicholas	90
State of New York	105	Commonwealth	100
Commerce	105	Atlantic	102
Mechs' Bk'g Asso'n	100	Importers' & Traders'	100
Broadway	225	Park	140
American Exchange	114	Central National	105
Chatham	100	Fourth National	97½
Bank of Republic	109	Ninth National	106
Bank of N. America	106		

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	92	Tol. & Wab. 1st M. Ex	87
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	97	Tol. & Wab. 2d M	72
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '78 con	97	Gal. & Chic. Ext	97
Erie 1st M., '58	89¼	Chic. & R. Isl. 1st M	97
Erie 7s, 4th mort., 1860	84	Cleve. & Tol. S. Fund	86
Erie 7s, 5th mort., 1868	92¾	N. J. Central 1st M	99
Buf. & E. Ist M. '67	72	N. J. Central 2d M	90
Chic. R. & M. 7s, 1st	109	Pitts., Ft. W. & Chi. 1st M	98
Harlem 3ds	91	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch., 3d	81
Mich. S. 8s, '75-'82-'90	94	Chic. & Alton 1st M	93
Chi., R. & M. 8s, 1st	109	Miss. & Mo. R. Ist M	84½
Mich. So. 7 ₰ c. 2ds	88	Chic. & Alton S. F	93
Mich. So. Long Line 7s	97	Chic. & Alt. 1st M	97
Mich. S. & N. I. S. 7s	84	Chic. & Alt. Income	80
Pac. R. Missouri 6s	77	Ohio & Miss. 1st mort	80
Peninsula R. R. bonds	70	Ohio & Miss. 2d mort	70
Alton & T. H. 1st M	85	Peninsula R. R. 1st M	75
Chi. & N. W. S. F	87	Marietta & Cin., 1st M	84
Chi. & N. W. Int. B	80	Chic. & Mil. 1st M	83
Chi. & N. W. 1st M	81½	Joliet & Chic. 1st mort	100
Tol. & Wab. 1st M	87		

The following is a statement of the business of the Illinois Central Railroad for January:

LAND DEPARTMENT.

Acres construction lands sold...5,670.93 for	$63,540 77
Acres interest fund lands sold... for	60
Acres lands sold	526.29 for 5,473 12
Total sales during the month of January, 1866	6,387.21 for $70,515 49
To which add town lot sales	580 00
Total of all	$71,095 49
Cash collected in January	$113,561 67

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT.

Receipts from passengers	$192,116 10
Receipts from freight	370,354 00
Receipts from mails	4,583 33
Receipts for rent of road	4,000 00
Receipts from other sources	10,000 00
Total receipts in month of January, 1866	$582,828 43
Total receipts in month of January, 1865	546,051 29
Increase	$36,777 14

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States was as follows: Receipts, $1,072,918 05—including for Customs, $391,000; on account of Loan, $91,000; Coin certificates, $284,000. Payments, $326,827 82. Balance, $87,901,596 33.

Customs Estimates—Letter from the Revenue Commissioners.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

May I ask the privilege of a brief explanation in reference to the under estimate of the customs revenue as given in the report of the Revenue Commission, which you have most courteously pointed out in your financial article of Feb. 2.

That the Revenue Commission has intentionally estimated the customs receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1867, at a less sum than what a legitimate inference from the present condition of affairs would seem to warrant, I freely admit; and a criticism to the same effect might also be made in respect to the Commission's estimate of the probable receipts from the excise or internal revenue for the same period. The estimates of the Commission for future revenue were based upon their own investigations and upon the reports of Government officials; and before being made public, were submitted for revision to some of the best authorities on these matters in the country. The results of these investigations indicated an aggregate revenue for the fiscal year 1867—assuming the continuance of the present condition of affairs and of the maintenance of the present law, and allowing also an average and moderate gain for the development of the South, the increasing wealth of the country, and an increased experience on the part of revenue officials—considerably in excess of $500,000,000. Such an estimate, although seemingly warranted by present circumstances, is so astounding and so contrary to the experience of all other nations, that the Commission have not felt willing to officially adopt it, and have accordingly preferred, even at the risk of the imputation of ignorance or carelessness, to present smaller estimates, such as they feel, reasonably certain can in almost any event be depended on.

No one can devote any considerable time to the study of the resources of the country available for national revenue, or for the development of national wealth, but must feel startled at the magnitude of the figures arrived at, and naturally hesitate at accepting the result of his own conclusion, or of making the same public. As it is, the Commission feel that the moderate estimates presented by them are so large in the aggregate as to be received with reluctance by many, who have not given the subject especial attention; and doubt has even been expressed to the writer by members of Congress as to the ability of the Government, in a revenue point of view, to make the reductions in taxation which the Commission have recommended. Such reductions, however, the Commission are satisfied must be made, in order to secure that industrial prosperity which is necessary not only for the development of the country, but for the maintenance of such revenue receipts as shall be adequate for the necessities of the Government.

The Commission would also plead, as justification of any under-estimates of the national revenue presented by them, that the yet abnormal state of the currency and the business of the country renders the future most uncertain, and that it is safer to await the results of another year's financial experience, before venturing to positively decide as to what amount the government can safely receive from the various sources available to it for revenue. To reduce taxation is most easy and most agreeable; but to be obliged, through over-sanguine expectations and estimates, to reimpose burdens that have once been lifted from a willing public, would not only be most objectionable but possibly most difficult. It is to obviate the necessity for such legislation in the future should now be most carefully guarded against.

I am, yours, most respectfully,

DAVID A. WELLS,
Chairman Revenue Commission.

Sales of Real Estate, Feb. 8.

BY MULLER, WILKINS & CO.

(By order of the heirs of David Kimberly, deceased.)

3 lots on south side 97th-st., 150 feet west 8th-av., 25x100 each	$3,450
2 lots adjoining, 25x100 each	3,050
2 lots south side 97th-st., 225 feet west 8th-av., 20x100 each	2,350
3 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,100
1 lot north side 96th-st., 150 feet west of 8th-av., 25x100	3,450
1 lot adjoining, 25x100	3,400
2 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	3,300
2 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,650
2 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,500
2 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,175
2 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,050
2 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	1,975
2 lots north side 95th-st., 200 feet west 8th-av., 25x100 each	2,575
4 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,300
3 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,500
2 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	2,300
3 lots adjoining, on 94th-av., 25x100, each	850
3 lots adjoining, 25x100, each	400
1 lot adjoining corner 94th-av. and 8-st., 25x100	875
6 lots north side 93d-st., 100 feet west 8th-av., 25x100 each	500
7 lots south side 95th-st., 100 feet west 8th-av., 25x100 each	500
6 gore lots south side 95th-st., commencing at Hudson River Railroad, with water-right in front of same	5,900
4 gore lots north side 94th-st	5,900

BY A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO.

Estate of Lambert Suydam.

Store and lot No. 71 Maiden-lane	$19,000
House and lot No. 11 Laight-street	17,400
House and lot No. 9 Laight-street	12,500
House and lot No. 7 Laight-street	12,500
House and lot No. 11 St. John's-place	9,000
House and lot No. 15 St. John's-place	9,000
House and lot No. 1 York-street	11,500
House and lot No. 3 York-street	10,000
House and lot No. 5 York-street	10,000
House and lot No. 61 Bleecker-street	28,000
House and lot No. 63 Bleecker-street	41,000
House and lot No. 65 Bleecker-street	41,000
House and lot No. 24 West Washington-place	11,000
House and lot No. 26 West Washington-place	11,000
Store and lot No. 1 Sixth-avenue	12,100
2 lots and buildings, Nos. 91 and 93 6th-av	30,000
2 lots and buildings, Nos. 97 and 99 6th-av	30,000
House and lot, No. 185 Waverley-place	10,500
2 houses and lots, Nos. 181 and 183 Waverley-place	14,000
House and lot, No. 119 Thompson-st	6,000
House and lot No. 12 Hammond-st	6,100
House and lot No. 123 Hammond-st	6,000
House and lot No. 125 Hammond-st	6,000
House and lot No. 279 Sixth-st	8,100
Lot and frame house n. e. corner 51-av. and 10th-st	11,500
Lot east side 3d-av., adjoining above	4,000
Lot east side 3d-av., adjoining above	4,000
2 lots and frame houses adjoining above, each	4,450
2 lots adjoining above, each	4,450
2 lots adjoining above, each	4,000
2 lots north side 59th-st., 100 feet east 3d-av	6,000
1 lot north side 59th-st., 100 feet east 3d-av	3,000
3 lots north side 58th-st., adjoining above, each	3,000
4 lots north side 57th-st., 100 ft. east of 3d-av	1,800
House and lot No. 67 Railroad-av., Jersey City	4,400
Plot of ground and building No. 91 Railroad-av., and Nos. 204, 206 and 208 Grove-st., Jersey City	21,500

BY M. MARKS.

Brick house and lot south side of 48th-st., 125 feet west of 11th-av	8,000
Brick house and lot north side of 49th-st., 150 feet east of Avenue A	4,200
Lot on north side of 52d-st., 100 ft. west of 4th-av	5,000
Brick house and lot on north side of Classon-av., 22 feet south of Hickory-st., Brooklyn	5,400
House and lot on south side of Union-place, 200 ft. west of Waverton-av., Yonkers	4,300

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Feb. 8, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been: 16 bbls. Ashes, 1,289 bbls. Flour, 231 bbls. and 2,240 bags Corn Meal, 336 bushels Wheat, 4,320 bushels Corn, 6,400 bushels Oats, 120 bushels Malt, 538 bushels Rye, 1,186 bbls. Pork, 532 pkgs. Cut Meats, 438 pkgs. Lard, 44 bbls. Beef and 329 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Pots continue in fair demand at $7 75 ₰ 100 lbs. Pearls are scarce and unsettled.

COFFEE—Is in moderate request and steady. We quote: Java at 27c.@28c.; Maracaibo at 21¼c.@23¼c.; Laguayra at 21c.@23c.; Rio at 17c.@21c.; Native Ceylon at 23¼c.@24½c.; and St. Domingo at 17¼c.@18c., cash; in gold, ₰ lb.

COTTON—Has been received and offered more freely at a further slight reduction in prices; but the demand has been restricted, buyers anticipating a further material decline, in view of the very heavy and steadily accumulating supply available in this market, which stock is estimated at 240,000 bales, or equivalent to a currency value of about $48,000,000, at an average of $200 per bale. Middlings 46c.@47c. ₰ lb. Sales and resales since our last 1,740 bales. The receipts at this port have been 116,530 bales since Jan. 1, 1866, and 259,949 bales since the commencement of the current Cotton year, Sept. 1, 1865.

DRY GOODS—The Dry Goods Exchange report today is as follows: *Jobbers' Prices.*—Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 31½c.; Atlantic D, 28c.; Atlantic F, 26c.; Augusta 36 inch, 38½c.; Augusta 30 inch, 34½c. Brown Shirtings—Atlantic A, 31½c.; Lawrence B, 30c.; Pacific, 40c.; Blackstone, 36c.; Columbian A, 27c.; Canoe, 19c. Prints—Merrimack W, 26c.; Merrimack D, 25c.; Sprague, 24c.; Pacific, 24c.; Dunnel, 22½c.; Allen, 21½c. Ginghams—Lancaster, 28c.; Harmer, 27c. Drab Drill—Lawrence, 29c.; Winthrop, 27c. Corset Jeans—Pepperell, 36c.; Bates, 28c. Canton Flannels—Pemberton A, 58c.; Pemberton C, 32½c. Ticks—Pemberton A A, 58c.; Pemberton E, 37c. Stripes—Whittenden A, 40c.; Whittenden B B, 32½c. Denims—York, 32c.; Warren, Brown, 38c. Hoop Skirts—Bradley's Duplex Ribbon, 36 to 50 hoops, $7 ¼c.@ $1 05; Empress Trail, $1 25; Meyers's I X L in fair demand. The following dispatches have been received at the Dry Goods Exchange to-day: Chicago—Fair activity in Domestics. St. Louis—There was considerable activity in the way of Prints and Bleached Goods yesterday, and prices came up to New-York quotations.

EGGS—The supply of eggs continues liberal, and prices are lower, with more inquiry for fresh State at the decline. We quote State and Jersey, at 33c.@34c.; ordinary, 30c.@31c.; Western, by express, 32c.@33c.; Canada, 31c.@32c.; Limed Eggs, 23c.@25c. ₰ dozen.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been in fair demand, and prices have favored buyers, especially on better grades, which have been less freely offered, and which have attracted more attention from home buyers. Sales since our last 11,200 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $5 95@$7 50; inferior to choice Extra State at $7 80@ $8 40; extra Genesee at $8 50@$9 10; round-hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to good shipping brands, at $8 50@$8 70 ₰ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$6 95 @$7 50
Extra State	7 80 @ 8 40
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	7 80 @ 8 40
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shup'g brands	8 50 @ 8 70
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	8 75 @11 25
Extra Genesee	8 45 @11 25
Poor to very choice extra Missouri	9 50 @15 25

Southern Flour continues quiet but firm; sales since our last 700 bbls., to-day, at $8 75@$10 for poor to good, and $10@$15 25 for good to very choice extra brands, ₰ bbl. Canadian Flour is advancing; sales 400 bbls. Corn Meal is in less demand at $4 10@$4 25 for Western, $5 80@$3 90 for Jersey, $4 40 for Pittsfax, and $4 50 for Brandywine, ₰ bbl. Sales 1,100 barrels.

FRUIT—In foreign, transactions have been restricted, and prices of most kinds have been depressed. Domestic Winter Apples of choice quality are firmly held, above quotations, but poor and inferior are sold at buyers' rates. We quote: Apples, Fancy Western, $4 50@$5 50; Mixed Western, $3@$4; Common Western, $2@$3; Cranberries, choice, $10@$11; second grade, $5@$7 ₰ bbl. There is no change to note in the market for Dried Fruits. Apples are in more inquiry, but prices are unchanged. We quote: Dried Apples, New, 12c.@13c.; Old State, 8c.@10½c.; Peaches, Southern, peeled, 25c.@32c.; unpeeled, halves, 14c.@15c.; unpeeled, quarters, 12c.@14c.; Cherries, New Pitted, 45c.@50c.; Blackberries, 31c.@ 35c.; Raspberries, 50c.@55c.; Plums, 24c.@26c. ₰ lb.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in moderate request, at drooping prices. The main inquiry has been for prime Spring, wanted by local millers. Sales since our last 95,000 bushels prime to choice Chicago Spring and Milwaukee Club at $1 74@$1 77, chiefly at $1 75@$1 76 ₰ bushel. Corn is in very light demand, partly for export, at declining prices, particularly for other than strictly prime lots, which are neither abundant nor pressed on the market. Sales since our last 97,000 bushels, at 87c.@88c. for unsound, and 81c.@84c. for sound mixed Western in store and delivered, and 88c. for new Yellow ₰ bushel. Oats continue in fair demand, partly for export, including State, at 57c.@58c.; and Jersey and Pennsylvania at 51c.@53c.; old Western at 56½c.@ 57½c., and new at 52c.@54c.; Canada at 42c.@47c.; Mammoth at 56c. ₰ bushel. Barley has been quiet but steady. Rye has been in demand; 14,000 bushels Western sold on private terms. A small lot of Barley Malt changed hands at $1 41 ₰ bushel. The heavy receipts of Beans in past weeks, and the desire of holders to sell has had the effect of reducing prices materially, and the market is dull and declining. We quote: New Marrows, $2 20@$2 50; New Kidneys, $2 40@$2 60; New Mediums, $1 60@$1 80; round lots, $1 50@$1 65. Peas—Canada, $1 80@$1 85; Green Marrowfat, $2 75@$3 ₰ bushel.

HAY—North River bale continues in fair request and held firmly at 80c.@95c. ₰ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Are dull and heavy, including last year's crop at 25c.@55c., and two years' old at 15c.@45c. ₰ lb.

MOLASSES—Has been inactive and depressed. We quote: New-Orleans at 96c.@$1 18; Porto Rico at 38c. @75c.; Cuba at 93c.@98c. ₰ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Are quiet to-day, including Spirits of Turpentine at 90c.@97½c. ₰ gallon; Crude do. at $7@$7 50; Resin at $4 75@$15 ₰ 280 lbs.; Tar, at $2 87½@$4 ₰ bbl.

OILS—Have been lightly dealt in, including Crude Whale at $1 48@$1 50; Bleached Whale at $1 60; Crude Sperm at $2 40@$2 50; Bleached do. at $2 60; Lard Oil at $1 80@$1 90; Red Oil at 85c.@95c.; Linseed Oil at $1 41@$1 42 ₰ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Is dull, and down to 31c.@31½c. for Crude; 49c.@51c. for Refined in bond, and 68c.@ 70c. for do. free, ₰ gallon.

POTATOES, &c.—The market for Potatoes is dull and unchanged. We quote: Mercers, $2 50@$3; Jackson Whites, $2 @$3 13; Buckeyes, $1 50@$2; Dyckman, $2@$3 50; Peach Blows, $2 25@$2 50; Sweet Potatoes, $6@$7; Onions, Red, $1 25@$1 50; Onions, White, $2@$2 50 ₰ bbl.; Cabbages, New, $6@$13 ₰ 100; Turnips, Russia, New, $1 50@$1 75; Marrow Squash, $3@$4 ₰ bbl.; Pumpkins, $15@$20 ₰ 100.

POULTRY AND GAME—Dressed Poultry is in better demand and prices are higher. Game is in full supply, with a dull market. *Dressed Poultry*—Turkeys, 20c.@22c.; Chickens, 18c.@20c.; Geese, 16c.@18c.; Ducks, 22c.@23c. ₰ lb. *Live Poultry*—Turkeys, 18c. @20c.; Fowls, 16c.@18c.; Chickens, 16c.@18c. ₰ lb. Geese, $3@$3 50; Ducks, $1 25@$1 50 ₰ pair; Partridges, ₰ pair, 75c.@87c.; Quails, ₰ dozen, $3 50@$3 75; Ducks, Mallard, 38c.@$1; Ducks, Teal, 40c.@50c.; Ducks, canvas back, $2 50@$2 75; Prairie Chickens, 60c.@80c. ₰ pair.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been more freely offered to-day, and prices have been depressed. The speculative demand has been less animated, and some of the leading speculative holders have evinced more disposition to realize. Sales since our last 6,450 bbls. mess, at $29 70@$29 87½; new Mess, closing at $29 75 regular; $29 for one year old Mess; $23@$23 50 for Prime Mess, and $21 50@$21 75 for new Prime ₰ bbl. Also, 5,750 bbls. new Mess, for February, March and April, sellers' and buyers' option, at $29 62½@$30 12½ ₰ bbl. Cut Meats continue in moderate demand at 11c.@12c. for Shoulders, and 16c.@18c. for Hams; sales 160 pkgs. Bacon is dull and heavy, including Cumberland Cut at 13c.@15½c.; Short Rib at 16c.@16½c.; Long Ribbed, 15½c.@ 15¾c.; Long Clear at 15¾c.@15c.; Short Clear at 15¾c. @17½c.; Long Cut Hams at 15¾c.@17c. ₰ lb. Dressed Hogs are in less request at 12½c.@12¾c. for Western, and 13¼c.@13½c. for City, ₰ lb. Lard is buoyant; sales 850 tcs. and bbls. at 15¾c.@18½c., and small lots at 18¾c. ₰ lb. Beef is quiet but steady at $13 50@ $16 for Country Mess, and $11@$12 for Plain Mess; also, $16 50@$20 for New Plain Mess, and $21@$24 50 for New Extra do.; sales have been reported of 500 bbls. Tierce Beef is unaltered. Beef Hams rule quiet at $41@$42 50 ₰ bbl.; sales 80 bbls. Butter has been in fair demand at 28c.@33c. for poor to prime, and 34c.@45c. for Fancy State, and 20c.@26c. for Western, ₰ lb. Cheese continues in active request at 15c.@21c. ₰ lb. The week's business in Butter and Cheese, Messrs. STARIN & FLOYD, in their special report for the WEEKLY TIMES, review thus:

"The general period of depression in the market for Butter has passed, and I with comparatively lower prices, a steady and healthy trade has resulted during the past week. The total receipts of Butter for the week closing this day is 6,322 packages, which is a heavy falling off in quantity, and has had the effect of causing additional firmness in prices, with more inquiry for fine goods. The total amount of Butter for foreign export during the week is 104,223 pounds. The demand for Eastern and Southern trade continues fair, and is a steady drain on the market, while the demand for local trade and family consumption shows considerable activity. The result of the season's shorter trade now depends entirely on the amount of stock held in the dairy districts of this State, and computations of quantities are so varied and contradictory, that the question will have to find its own solution in the amount of actual receipts, as almost every other source of information on the subject is valueless. Cheese has been in fair demand, and prices have ruled firm, with a fair trade. Considerable apprehension is felt as to the Butter that will come forward, but the quantities are known to be inferior, and consequently will not affect the market to any great extent. Fall Butter continues in fair receipt, and is in demand, at our quotations. We quote:

Orange and Genesee, fresh pails ₰ lb	38 @40
Orange and Genesee, fresh rolls ₰ lb	38 @40
Half-firkin tubs, State, first quality	37 @39
Half-firkin tubs, State, second quality	32 @36
Half-firkin tubs, State, third quality	28 @30
Half-firkin tubs, State, fancy dairies	40 @42
Half-firkin tubs, State, Factory-Grime quality	30 @32
Western State—Welch tubs, ₰ lb	30 @32
Western State—Welch tubs, fancy dairies	36 @38
Western State—Welch tubs, Factory-Grime	28 @30
Western State—Welch tubs, Factory, fancy	32 @34
Western State—Welch tubs, Factory, choice	30 @32
Western State—Welch tubs, Factory, fair to good	28 @30
Common Dairies	22 @24
Choice Butter—good to prime ₰ lb	30 @32
Roll Butter—good to fair	28 @30
Roll Butter—extra to choice	32 @34

The quality of Cheese, for cheese noted in our last report, has continued throughout the past week, and we note a further average advance in prices of one cent per pound. The market is well cleared of stock, and the present cheese now in the country being in small compass, there is no doubt of fully sustaining present quotations. The season of great firmness and with upward tendency. We quote:

NEW CROP CHEESE.

Factory-made Dairies—first quality	14½@15
Factory-made Dairies—second quality	12½@13
Farm Dairies—first quality	15 @16
Farm Dairies—second quality	13 @14
Farm Dairies—common	12 @13
Orange County—fair to skimmed	15 @15

SUGARS—Are held with increasing firmness, but not very active, to-day. Sales since our last 395 hhds., including Cuba, &c., part at from 11c.@12¾c.; and 120 boxes Havana at 10¾c.@11¾c. ₰ lb. We quote: Fair to good Grocer's at 11¾c.@12¾c.; do. do. refining, at 10¾c.@11¼c. ₰ lb. Refined Sugars continue in moderate demand. We quote: 14c.@17¼c. ₰ lb.

STEARINE—Sales since our last, 41,000 lbs. at 14c. @16¼c. ₰ lb.

TALLOW—Sales to-day, 87,000 lbs. at 12¼c.@13¼c., and 25,000 lbs. Grease at 11¼c.@12¼c. ₰ lb.

WHISKY—Was wholly neglected to-day.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool there were taken 450 bales Cotton at ¾d. by sailing vessel and ¾d. by steamer ₰ lb; and 14,000 bushels Corn at 5¾d. ₰ bushel. For other ports, nothing new.

PERSONAL.

C. L. M.'S LETTER MISCARRIED, and at last fell into wrong hands, caused great uneasiness and will defeat some plans for a time. He had better not write again till he hears. His friend will be faithful and communicate when advisable.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN woman, a situation as cook; understands all kinds of meats, jellies and pastries; is an excellent baker; has 3 years' reference. Also, by an Irish girl, a situation as chambermaid and waitress. Call (or both,) for two days, at No. 130 Clinton-place, Room No. 19, rear building.

WANTED—BY A TIDY WOMAN, WITH EXcellent city reference, a situation as nurse and seamstress; takes charge of an infant from its birth; kind to children. Call at No. 120 2d-st., near 2d-av.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY A NUMBER OF well-recommended German girls for all capacities, at Mrs. LOWE'S German Institute, No. 17 Stanton-st., near the Bowery.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG AMERICAN WOMAN (no plain sewing), a situation as first-class laundress and ironer; best of city references given. Apply at No. 128 Forsyth-st., in rear, basement.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-CLASS Protestant waitress, or to wait on a lady and sew; city references given. Apply at No. 12 Bond-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation to do general housework in a small private family. Call, for two days, at No. 40 East 32d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A COMPETENT young woman, as first-class laundress; has the best of city reference. Can be seen at No. 146 East 21st-st.

A YOUNG GIRL HAVING ONE OF Wilcox's sewing machines wishes to do some family sewing to do at her own house. Call at No. 255 East 15th-st.

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DOMESTICS, SERVANTS, HELP, &c., advertising for situations, places, homes, &c., in the DAILY TRIBUNE, are charged only 25 cents.

MALES.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, A SITUATION to take charge of a farm or to make himself generally useful; 15 years' experience; wife and two small children; they will be a benefit to a family. Address J. H., No. 45 Bleecker-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTAble young man as light porter in a wholesale or retail house; is not afraid of work; best of reference from present employer. Call or address W. S. PARREN, for one week, at J. D. West & Co.'s, No. 40 Cortlandt-st.

WANTED—BY A SMART, ACTIVE AND intelligent man, a situation as merchant, book-keeper, clerk, salesman, bank messenger or porter; is a good accountant; able and willing to work; good references. Address J. W., Box No. 186 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER, BY a middle-aged married man, without family, with wife and one child; is fully capable of managing a gentleman's place; can refer to present employer. Address J. R., at Rosers, Thorburn & Co.'s, No. 15 Jacob-st., N. Y.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FARMER BY A married man, understanding well the business of all kinds of crops and stock; wife a first-class dairywoman; no incumbrance. Address D. ATCHISON, New-Dorp, Staten Island.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER BY a married man, who understands his business in all its branches. Those who have glass and require the services of a competent gardener, may address, until 1st of March, J. C., West Farms, Westchester County, N. Y.

WANTED, BY A FIRST-CLASS COACHMAN, sober and honest, who can give the best city reference, a good situation. Apply to or address J. H., at P. Trainor's, No. 744 Broadway.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young man as coachman; perfectly understands his business; would assist in the garden; best of reference. Address JAMES, Box No. 200 *Times* Office.

AN ENGLISH EXPERIENCED PERfumer desires an engagement here or out West; understands the French flowers; can give satisfactory first-class reference. Address LA GRASSE, Box No. 146 *Times* Office.

HELP WANTED.

EXPERIENCED CANVASSERS WANTED. To sell an advertisement for the Illustrated Map of New-York City and Brooklyn, which shows every house, street, number and owner's name engraved plainly upon each house, in the highest style of the art. A reliable panoramic view of New-York City and Brooklyn, made from actual surveys, at a cost of $100,000 and three years' time. A map which every citizen of New-York will take a pride in purchasing for each of his friends. Good canvassers, male or female, can earn $20 a day commission. J. T. LLOYD, No. 23 Cortlandt-st.

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WANTED—A PROTESTANT WOMAN, WELL recommended, as nurse; capable of taking full charge of an infant. Address Box No. 3,638 New-York Post-office.

WANTED—A BOOK-KEEPER AND CLERK; he must be a thorough accountant, a good penman, and a good business man; best references required. Address, with qualifications, Box No. 134 *Times* Office.

WANTED—A GIRL IN A PRIVATE FAMILY to cook, wash and iron; German preferred. Apply at No. 347 West 35th-st., after 12 M.

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Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st., corner of Irving-place.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 8 o'clock, Italian opera L'AFRICAINE. Director, Max Maretzek. Characters by Mme. Carozzi-Zucchi, Mlle. Orlolani, Signori Mazzoleni, Bellini, Antognini, Lorini, Barili, Muller, &c. Conductor, Mr. Carl Bergmann.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st., near the City Hall.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, EAST LYNNE. Characters by Miss Lucil e Western and company.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE ROHELIEU. Characters by Edwin Booth, Charles Barron, Miss Rose Eytinge, Mrs. Marie Wilkins, &c.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE RIVALS. Characters by Messrs. Frederic Robinson, Charles Fisher, Max Scheibe, T. Reynolds, Fox-ton, George Holland, Young, Pope, Oeshin, Miss Mary Gannon, Miss Madeline Henriques, Mrs. Vernon and Mrs. John Sefton.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, LEAH, a JEWISH MAIDEN. Characters by Messrs. J. C. Cowper, J. G. Burnett, C. H. Morton, D. H. Rolfe, George Boole, E. S. Holmes, Miss Bateman, Mrs. A. Perry, Farren, A. Chapman, Everett, Lulu.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN and BLACK-EYED SUSAN. Characters by Mrs. John Wood, Miss Eliza Newton, Mr. E. L. Davenport, Mr. J. H. Stoddart.

WOOD'S THEATRE.
Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, MOSE, IN A GLANCE AT NEW-YORK IN 1848; THE DEBUTANTS; THE IRISH TUROR. Characters by F. S. Chanfrau and the whole company.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
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LUCY RUSHTON'S NEW-YORK THEATRE,
Nos. 728 and 730 Broadway.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, THE BLACK DOMINO and BETWEEN YOU AND ME AND THE POST. Characters by Messrs. Mortimer, Clarke, Pearson and Hargins; Miss Lucy Rushton, Mrs. Maeder, Mrs. Mark Smith, and the entire strength of the company.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7 o'clock. ARRAH-NA-POGUE; OR, THE IRISH BOY. Characters by Messrs. T. H. Glenny, Grisdale, Brookes and Mrs. Jones.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock. UNCLE SOLON SHINGLE and LIVE INDIAN. Characters by Messrs. John E. Owens, W. C. Forbes, J. W. Albaugh, F. J. Evans, H. L. Hinton, W. H. Hamblin, H. Jordan, J. D. Bilby, F. W. Williams; Mrs. A. Hind, Miss Saidee Cole.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, ROSINA MEADOW—THE WIZARD SKIFF—THE SNOW BIRD—THE SIAMESE TWINS. Characters by Mr. G. L. Fox, Miss Fanny Herring and the company.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, TH MY SISTER'S BY CHARLEY PRANDAIS, and USED UP; OR, THE HOP OF FASHION. Characters by Messrs. Reed, Emmett, Henry, Cox, Grier, Fowler, Howard, Raynor, Hogan, Prendergast, Morrison, Caratarri, Mullen, Boniface, Ryan, Savori, Little Mac, Seymour and Neil Bryant.

AMERICAN THEATRE.
Broadway, betwe n Howard and Grand sts.
THIS EVENING, Feb 9, commencing at 7½ o'clock, HOME FROM THE WAR AGAIN.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON,
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS EVENING, Feb. 9, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE SPIRITE OF THE SILVER SHOWER; or, SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN FAIRY LAND. Characters by Levi J. North, James Robinson, Mme. Louise Fournaire, and the whole troupe.

THE STUDIO BUILDINGS.
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THIS DAY, Feb. 9, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Fourth Exhibition of FRENCH, ENGLISH and FLEMISH PICTURES, by celebrated artists.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

FROM EUROPE.

By the arrival of the *Peruvian* at Portland yesterday, we have one day's later news from Europe. The sistement that Gen. PRIM had entered Portugal had not been confirmed, but was generally believed to be correct. The cattle disease was increasing in England, the number of cases in the weekly return exceeding ten thousand. It is reported that France, at the suggestion of Austria, had proposed a new Convention on the Schleswig-Holstein question; but Earl RUSSELL was unfavorable to the project, and it consequently fell through. A vessel on the point of sailing for Peru had been detained in the Thames. It is stated that Mr. BENJAMIN, ex-rebel functionary, is studying English law, with the view of being called to the English bar. The English papers continued to comment on the Emperor's speech. In general, satisfaction is expressed at its pacific tone, and at the Emperor's decision in regard to the recall of the French troops from Mexico.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was introduced to amend our judiciary system, prescribing an oath, &c. The credentials of JOHN POOL, Senator from North Carolina, were offered and laid upon the table. A resolution was adopted instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to protect citizens of the United States in the Territory of Utah in their civil rights. It was voted that the Colorado Senators be admitted to the floor. A bill to repeal the act authorizing the settlement of claims against the United States for property used or destroyed by the army or navy in the late rebellious States, was referred to the Military Committee. The Constitutional Amendment to regulate the basis of representation was called up, and Mr. LANE, of Indiana, made a long speech thereon.

In the House, the bill for the disposal of public lands for homesteads for actual settlement in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Florida was adopted by 112 to 29. The Naval Appropriation Bill was taken up in Committee. The item of $28,000 for officers' quarters at the Pensacola Navy-yard was stricken out. After some trifling amendments the bill was laid aside. The bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy was taken up, and Mr. GRINNELL, of Iowa, made an elaborate speech.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate yesterday, a bill was reported to increase the powers and duties of Courts of Special Sessions, except in New-York and Albany. A bill was introduced to amend certain contracts relative to the Tenth Avenue sewer in NEW-YORK. A bill was introduced to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors in Metropolitan Police Districts. It constitutes a Board of Police Commissioners of the Excise Commissioners, vesting in them the exclusive power to grant licenses. Also a bill to define the powers of railroad companies in certain cases. It provides that it shall not be lawful for any railroad company to engage in the manufacture of any articles, except such as shall be required in their own business, or in receiving, storing or delivering any property, excepting such as is required for its own use, or has been, or is contracted to be transported over its own or some connecting railroad. The bill requiring sailor boarding-house keepers and runners in New-York and Brooklyn to be licensed was passed; also the bill appropriating $20,000 for a Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburgh.

In the Assembly, the bill to confer power on the Five Points House of Industry to apprentice children was ordered to a third reading. The following resolution was offered and referred: That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge the immediate passage of such act or acts as may be necessary to secure a safe and speedy restoration of the national currency, and to compel the resumption of specie payments at the earliest possible day.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Washington *Register* announces the death of Lemuel Causin, at good veteran of one hundred and four years, which occurred on the 27th of January, after a brief illness, at the residence of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Bassom, in Caledonia, about four miles from Washington. During the past year Mr. CAUSIN's name was widely circulated through the newspapers, on account of his extreme longevity. He was born near the City of Detroit, in the year 1765, as there is the record of the Catholic Church of that city, and was probably the oldest man in the world.

The President of the National Freedman's Relief Association, Travers G. Shaw, Esq., is informed by the Clerk of the Society that in South Carolina a marked change is going on among the planters and the community in general in the treatment of the freedmen, and the sentiments entertained in regard to their rights and the position they are to occupy. The prejudice so prevalent and inwrought against giving them educational privileges in many cases disappearing, and the planters are taking measures to establish schools in their neighborhoods, even their wives and daughters desiring to assist as teachers.

The House of the Maryland Legislature has passed the bill to authorize colored witnesses to testify in the several Courts of the State. The resolutions offered some time since by Mr. Speaker FRANKLIN indorsing the reconstruction policy of President JOHNSON, condemning colored suffrage, complimenting the foreign policy of Secretary SEWARD, and approving of the Monroe Doctrine, led to an exciting debate. The resolution complimentary to Secretary SEWARD was stricken out by a vote of 37 to 35, and then, as amended, adopted—yeas 47, nays 24.

The late murder of Mr. JOHN CAMPBELL in Herkimer County, near Utica, proves to have been committed by four or five drunken rowdies, who were annoyed because he declined to give them liquor. Mr. CAMPBELL was the proprietor of the Willson tavern, and was just starting with his wife in a sleigh to attend a donation party, when the desperadoes arrived and demanded a drink. Five of the party are in jail.

We learn from Japan that Hioga, the chief port of the inland sea, has been opened to foreign commerce. MIKADO, the spiritual Emperor, had ratified the treaties entered into between the Tycoon and foreign Governments. The effect of this was to reconcile the Japanese to the presence of foreigners in their country, and to put an end to internal dissensions.

The Wisconsin producers have made a flank movement upon the railroads in the State by seeking legislative action in reference to their alleged grievances, and a bill has been introduced regulating the reception and delivery of freight and establishing the rates of charges.

The schooner *General Sheridan*, from Newfoundland Jan. 13 with a cargo of herrings, for New-York, has been wrecked off Cape Canso. Capt. BERNANT and two men reached the shore in a boat. Two of the crew and a passenger named H. B. HOWARD are supposed to be lost.

A forged check on MITCHELL & SHERWOOD for $6,630 was presented for payment at the People's Bank at Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday. The teller having doubts of its genuineness sent a messenger to ascertain its character. During his absence the forger decamped, leaving the check at the bank.

The Virginia Legislature has just framed a series of resolutions in approval of the policy of President JOHNSON, and expressive of the loyal sentiments and purposes of the people of the State. A joint committee has been sent to Washington to present the resolutions.

A dispatch from Lawrence, Kansas, portends trouble between the holders of land warrants from the Pacific Railroad and the squatters. The latter have sent the former a threatening order to vacate by a certain day.

An entertainment was given at Fortress Monroe on the 1st inst. by the Greble Lodge of Odd Fellows, on the occasion of the celebration of their first anniversary.

The steamer *Norwich*, loaded with cotton, was burned at New-Orleans on the 8th inst. Most of the cotton was thrown overboard and saved.

EX-GOV. GRAHAM, United States Senator elect from North Carolina, is out in a letter favoring negro evidence.

The Maryland Legislature has enfranchised the sixteen members disqualified to vote under the operation of the Registration Law.

The Southern editors are to hold a Convention on the 14th inst. at Montgomery, Ala.

A fire alarm and police telegraph has been completed and put in operation in Cincinnati.

LOCAL NEWS.

The first battalion drill of the Fourth Regiment National Guard, (Veterans,) Col. H. D. HULL, came off last evening, at the State Arsenal, corner of Seventh-avenue and Thirty-fifth-street, and was highly successful. At the tap of the drum about two hundred men in full uniform reported themselves. Owing to the fact that the arms and equipments have not yet been issued to the command, the regimental line did not possess that soldiery appearance that is usually the case, but the brilliancy of the uniforms more than made amends. In the battalion movements and the cadence step the regiment exhibited a degree of perfection that was surprising in so young an organization, fully meriting the encomiums bestowed upon the command by the spectators. Gen. ASPINWALL, commanding the brigade to which the Fourth is attached, was present and expressed himself highly gratified with the rapid progress made manifest by the drill. A formal parade of the Fourth will take place on the 22d, when they will receive their colors.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, only eight members being present, to receive the report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to the improvement of the wharfage accommodations of the City. The Committee, which consisted of Messrs. G. W. BLUNT, J. S. SCHULTZ and Ex-Mayor OPDYKE, presented a voluminous report on the question, embodying a resolution to the effect that the commerce of the city absolutely demands the establishment of a proper system of docks, and that the plan of dock structures proposed by the New-York Pier and Warehouse Company should be adopted. Mr. OPDYKE dissented from a portion of the report. After some discussion the report was laid over and the Chamber adjourned.

The case of NOBLITE, for whose extradition the Prussian Government has made requisition, came up before United States Commissioner NEWTON, at his office in Wall-street, yesterday, when Mr. LAPAUGH, counsel for the Prussian Government, stated that he had written a note to the Sheriff who had NOBLITE in custody on a civil prosecution, and had been told in reply that he (the Sheriff) held him by virtue of a warrant which he was bound to respect. The case was postponed until the first of March, unless the prisoner be sooner released.

The libel suit of ELIAS HALL vs. GEO. S. PAGE, which has been on trial for the last two days in the Supreme Court Circuit, Part III., before Justice FOSTER, was concluded, yesterday, by the jury rendering a verdict for $5,000 for the plaintiff. This was the full amount claimed. On motion of plaintiff's counsel, the court granted an allowance of five per cent. on the amount of the verdict. The defendant has thirty days' time to make a case on appeal, but meantime the proceedings on the part of the plaintiff are not stayed.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning a burglarious entry was effected, by some thieves on the premises No. 220 Thompson-street, occupied by Mrs. MARTIN, and $300 worth of silver plate was carried off. Before leaving the dwelling, the thieves piled up the parlor furniture and set it on fire. The smoke alarmed the inmates, and Officer RIDER, of the Eighth Precinct, arrested JAMES MARTIN and JAMES MOONEY in an adjoining doorway. They were subsequently committed by Justice DOWLING for trial. The missing plate was not recovered.

THOMAS KEARNEY, who was run over by a car belonging to the Fifth-avenue line, on Monday last, at Eleventh-st., died yesterday, at the New-York Hospital, from the effects of the injuries so received. From the evidence adduced the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. The driver was exonerated from blame, and it was suggested that a flagman be placed at the crossing where the grade of the street rises and falls so precipitately.

The trial of the case in the Superior Court, before Judge BARNARD, which involves to some extent the question whether crude petroleum oil in barrels will explode by the action of the heat of the sun, and which has been before the court and jury for two or three days, is not concluded. A large number of experts have been examined. The proceedings will be resumed at 11 o'clock this morning.

CATHARINE GORMAN, on complaint of a saleswoman in the employ of Wm. KERNER, in Eighth-avenue, was yesterday committed for trial without bail, at the Jefferson Market Court, on a charge of having stolen from the counter three pieces of dress goods, one hundred and forty yards in all, valued at $80. She concealed the goods under her dress, where they were subsequently found.

A report was current yesterday that ASHBY HUGHES, one of HOOLEY's Minstrel Troupe, had been shot dead in Montreal, Canada, during a quarrel with an ex-rebel officer.

Impressive services in memory of the late Rev. Dr. J. W. CUMMINGS were performed in St. Stephen's Church, East Twenty-eighth-street, yesterday morning. The church was heavily and tastefully draped, and a large audience attended. The requiem on the occasion—namely, the Cujus Animo, from ROSSINI's Stabat Mater—was one which Dr. CUMMINGS selected to be rendered at his obsequies.

NELSON STEWART was convicted yesterday in the United States District Court, Judge BENEDICT presiding, of counterfeiting United States Currency. It was shown that the accused had established several manufactories where spurious stuff was turned out. STEWART lately occupied quite a handsome residence on Staten Island.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, WM. DAVIS and MICHAEL THOMPSON pleaded guilty of attempts at grand larceny. MICHAEL THOMPSON was tried and convicted of grand larceny from the person, and MAX FRIEDLANDER pleaded guilty to forgery in the fourth degree. They were all remanded for sentence.

Mr. Justice INGRAHAM, of the Supreme Court, yesterday gave an opinion, on the occasion of deciding the motion made on Wednesday, in the case of CHASE and others against JUMEL and others, to have the issues in the action settled. There are over $1,000,000 involved in this case. There is an effort being made to have it tried in the Circuit at an early day.

Considerable business was transacted in the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday. A number of prisoners pleaded guilty of various crimes, such as grand larcenies, and several were tried and convicted. Five were sentenced to the State Prison, two were sent to the Penitentiary, two to the House of Refuge, and two were remanded for sentence.

Last evening HENRY BERGH, Esq., delivered a lecture on "Statistics Relating to the Cruelties Practiced upon Animals," before the members of the American Geographical and Statistical Society, with a view to the establishment of a society kindred to that so long in successful operation in London, and in the other cities of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Polytechnic Club of the American Institute met last evening. An interesting communication was received from Prof. HOUGH, of Albany, relative to the barometer and thermometer during the cold days of January last. A valuable paper was received by Dr. STEVENS on the Medical Resources of the United States.

The following named gentlemen were elected members of the American Institute last evening: President—HORACE GREELEY. Vice-Presidents—D. S. GREGORY, WM. HIBBARD, EDWARD WALKER. Recording Secretary—JEREH BULL. Corresponding Secretary—S. D. TILLMAN. Treasurer—S. B. COMSTOCK.

Gold was scarce for delivery in the Gold-room yesterday, and advanced to 140¾. The Railways advanced rapidly from 1 to 2½ ₱ cent, and closed buoyant. All Governments firm except old 5-20s, which were done a small fraction below 103. Money easy. Exchange 107¾.

Produce and merchandise were generally in moderate demand yesterday. Flour was rather firmer; Wheat and Corn were heavy and drooping; Cotton was lower; hog products unsettled; Freights quiet.

The President and the Freedmen.

The deputation of negro representatives who waited on the President the other day seem to have been altogether disappointed at the result of their interview. They announced their intention of addressing the Executive on the subject of their political disabilities. The President, in his usual accommodating way, appointed an hour to receive them. Two of the most distinguished colored men of the United States, Messrs. DOWNING and DOUGLASS, had the opportunity of stating the case of their clients before the President made his reply. That reply was a simple matter-of-fact statement of the difficulties and dangers which lie in the path of immediate and universal enfranchisement by Federal legislation. It was a kind and consoling answer to an appeal, which, if not wise or timely, was at least not unnatural.

That answer once given, an ordinary deputation would have withdrawn. This deputation, however, apparently came, not to memorialize but to debate; not to make a representation of what they conceived to be their rights, but to enter upon arguments which should convince the Head of the nation that he was altogether wrong and that they were altogether right. The President intimated with becoming gentleness that his duty was done in giving a candid and carefully considered answer to their appeal, and ultimately the colored deputation withdrew, without being able to force him into a promiscuous argument on the virtues and the aspirations of the colored race. No one will be surprised, then, to find that the arguments to which the President's duties did not permit him to listen are now presented in a supplementary address, which bears the signatures of all the President's colored visitors.

There is nothing novel in this formal arraignment of the Executive policy. Least of all is there any undue modesty in the tone in which the President is addressed. While demanding an immediate and universal enfranchisement for their kindred, these negro representatives not only overlook the vastness and the almost miraculous suddenness of their release from serfdom, but they forget altogether, in their self-appreciation, that they are to-day a community for whose protection a National Commission of Charities, if not of Corrections, has been established. Declared by their professional champions to be the "wards of the nation," they are the recipients of eleemosynary aid, not as individual paupers of the superior race receive charity, but as a separate community, having special and peculiar claims. The maintenance of a Freedmen's Bureau, admitted by all thoughtful men not blinded by partisanship to be a necessity for the time at least, is justified only upon the principle that the race of recently emancipated slaves is in a transition state; that their new social and industrial *status* has not yet been assured; that, practically, in all but exceptional cases, they are social aliens for the time by the very act of their emancipation, and that the terrible disabilities which this social alienation entails—even if it is but temporary—entitle them to the eleemosynary aid which the liberality of Congress has provided.

The very existence of the Freedmen's Bureau implies that the condition of the negro, in his present transition state, is at best that of a *minor*; and yet, those who most loudly proclaim the responsibility of the nation for the protection of its "wards" at the South are those who urge with most offensive and indecent haste that these "wards," helpless, ignorant, and too generally debased as they have been under the crushing heel of enforced servitude, shall be invested with all the privileges and immunities of citizenship. To the teachings of such *soi disant* friends the deputation of colored persons who now come forward to arraign the President naturally look for justification of their unseemly conduct. The President tells them, in frank and kindly terms, that they have prejudices to conquer, which would only become altogether insurmountable by any attempt to remove their political disabilities by Federal legislation. He points out to them that in the days of their bondage they cherished a feeling approaching to contempt for every white resident of the South who was not a slave owner, and who was consequently not naturally a disunionist. He suggests to them that the remembrance of this feeling has not died out among the poor white laboring class of the South. The President, in short, deals with facts, and speaks from experience. Admitting that much of the existing prejudice may be unreasonable, he looks to the healing influence of time, and to the dispersion of the negroes over a wider extent of territory, instead of to legislative specifics, for the amelioration of the race, and for the determination of the social and political status it shall hereafter hold.

We see from the temper of the negro deputation's formal replication to the President, how little these teachers of the colored people have themselves been made the subjects of discipline. They have no argument to present against the judicious and conciliatory counsel of the President but such as is drawn from a selfish and arrogant estimate of their own importance in the body politic. They have not even the first expression of gratitude for the vast sacrifices which their emancipation has entailed on present and future generations of Northern freemen. They see nothing in the President's policy for which to make acknowledgment. And they are perfectly indifferent whether the States of the South should be restored to the National Union or not—provided only universal and instant negro enfranchisement is made part of the organic law of the land. The President judges that, before all this is conceded, there are various other interests to be consulted. And with a perfect reliance upon the judgment and the temper of the American people, he is prepared to see sectionalism and fanaticism to their utmost, without receding, himself, a single step from his policy of conciliation and peace.

The Possible Defeat of the Health Bill—Whose Fault?

While the Health Bill is in progress through the Legislature, and before it is defeated or perverted, (if that is to be the event,) we desire to call public attention to some instructive facts in regard to it. A morning cotemporary has professed of late an extreme anxiety to render our municipal offices *non-partisan*. At length a remarkable opportunity was afforded that journal and its friends to make manifest their faith in works. In view of the threatened approach of the cholera, and the fearfully unsanitary condition of our City, a large meeting of our most prominent citizens, without distinction of party, was called in November last at the house of Dr. WILLARD PARKER to take appropriate measures. The editor of the *Tribune* was himself invited to be present. After much conference, committees were chosen by those present to draft a bill which should give New-York an improved sanitary administration. On those committees were gentlemen of all possible political opinions.

After long labor and study, an act was framed which satisfied to a remarkable degree both the legal and medical professions of the City—being pronounced by many authorities the best Sanitary Bill ever offered to the Legislature. The committees considered carefully the subject of admitting the Police to the Board, and the arguments in favor were overwhelming. Without the Police, a new corps of executive officers and men must be employed and paid for, involving immense expense and entailing great annoyances from the want of experience which a new body of Sanitary Police must inevitably labor under. With the Police in the Board, but in a minority, there would be the unmilitary and confusing organization of another Board, controlling the Police, and perhaps giving orders to their large force. It was even supposable that the Sanitary Board might desire one thing done and the Police another; and as the best practical arrangement, the Police were made *equal* to the physicians on the new Board.

We are assured that not one on the committees had the least idea of securing political patronage to the Police, if indeed they knew what were the proclivities of that body.

It was evident that the doctors would have certainly as much patronage as the Police Commissioners, and the former seemed as likely to lead the latter as the reverse. The four physicians were named, so as to secure the best men, at the start. Not an objection was ever offered to their names. They were practical men, having already done good sanitary service (without pay) for two years to the City, on the "Hygienic Council." They were scientific men of the highest eminence. They were not politicians, and had nothing to do with parties. All this, for a time, seemed satisfactory to the *Tribune*. The editors approved the original form of the bill in their columns. The public generally approved of it, as an honest and non-partisan effort to reform the health of the City. The Union League Club, the Chamber of Commerce and large numbers of private citizens have indorsed the act in its original form. It was presented to the Senate, and after some unimportant amendments, passed as framed here, by the immense majority of 23 to 3. But now the *Tribune* began to whiffle about; it objected to serious features; it saw a "conservative measure" in it; it beheld the terrible face of Mr. WEED in this sanitary act; it demanded plumply more patronage from the bill for the friends of the *Tribune*; it aroused unhappy jealousies in the Legislature, which should have had nothing to do with such a measure, and may possibly induce certain members to change this admirable act and make it a partisan bill. For what other object can there be in striking off the names of the eminent sanitary gentlemen on the bill than to procure partisans?

As physicians or sanitary authorities, they cannot be objected to. They are only objectionable as not being party hacks; for in political opinion, it is utterly unknown whether they are "radicals" or "conservatives." Nor is it true that the "party which follows the editor of the TIMES" has had anything to do with the bill. We knew nothing about it till it appeared in the Senate. Mr. WEED never saw it, and was never consulted on the merits of the act.

As to the Police, we can appeal to all fair-minded men whether any commission ever did its practical work better. No city in the world is more thoroughly policed than New-York. If they were a mere "political machine," they would long ago have failed in their own appropriate work, and we all would have experienced the evil results.

The truth is, as the public will see, that this Health Bill was an honest and non-partisan effort of our citizens to improve the City and avoid the cholera. If it fail, it will be because of the unprincipled efforts of its opponents to make the new Board a partisan machine. We do not envy the feelings of those who will bring such a calamity on this community for such base purposes.

We trust that those members who so subserviently yielded to a few leaders in the Republican Caucus on Wednesday, will reconsider their action, and remember that a caucus has no right to bind a party on a side-measure like this Health Bill. Men of character and ability ought to give their votes on a sanitary measure independently of wire-pullers and caucuses. Such a public-spirited and high-minded course will secure them hosts of supporters and friends throughout the State.

If the Health Bill must be defeated in this ignoble manner, we have at least the consolation of having done our best in these columns to confer a lasting benefit on the City, and others must take the consequences and assume the responsibility of its failure.

Reorganization of the Federal Judiciary.

Senator HARRIS has modified the bill which he introduced some time since for a reorganization of the Federal Judiciary, and thus modified has again introduced it into the Senate. Our readers will find it at length in another column.

The bill now proposed is a manifest improvement upon its predecessor. Some of the defects in it which we pointed out in a previous article have been remedied. The Commissioners are now provided for by being made Commissioners of the District Courts, and an appeal is not now to be allowed to the Supreme Court at Washington in every case, but only where the case involves $10,000 in amount, or the construction of the constitution, or a treaty or revenue law of the United States, or some other legal question important enough to require the decision of the Supreme Court, in the view of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The bill proposed is by no means free from defects of detail, to say nothing of the main question of the necessity or wisdom of the proposed change. Thus it provides that the proposed Circuit Court of Appeals shall not have power to execute its own judgments but shall remit them for execution to the District Courts. The Supreme Court also cannot execute its own judgment, but this bill makes no provision for their execution under the new system. Now they are remitted to the Circuit Court for that purpose. Then we suppose they would have to be remitted to the District Courts.

Again this bill makes no distinction between the admiralty and other cases to be heard before the courts, but embraces them all in the same language. It will need a good deal of judicial construction and some ingenuity to get through the snarls which will inevitably arise, if this provision remain.

An appeal in Admiralty from the District Courts now takes up the case and all that belongs to it, including a fund, if there is any such in the case. Are those funds now proposed to be carried up into the Circuit Courts of Appeals, only to be sent back when the case is remitted to the District Court? This would be entailing a heavy additional expense when expenses are heavy enough already.

Provision is made in this new bill for appeals in all criminal cases to the Circuit Courts of Appeals. But when we come to the way of getting up to the Supreme Court in such cases, we find the mode of it left entirely unprovided for, except by the words "in the manner now provided by law." The manner now provided by law is only on a certificate of a division of opinion between the Circuit Judge and the District Judge who may hold the Circuit Court with him, and whether such a manner would be found practicable with the proposed Circuit Courts of Appeals is by no means clear.

Whether any appeal in a criminal case to the Supreme Court is allowed at all may be doubtful. Possibly the provision in the thirteenth section about legal questions certified to be of importance sufficient to require it may cover these cases, though all that section would seem to refer rather to civil than criminal cases. Appeals in such cases from the District Courts may be had, if any Judge in the circuit can be induced to sign a writ of error.

This latter point brings up naturally what seems to us one great error in this bill, as it was in its predecessor, viz., that it will largely increase litigation and will throw this increase of labor almost entirely on the Judges of the District Courts. The provision for appeals in criminal cases will alone largely increase the labor of the Judges, for some Judge will be prevailed upon, in almost every case, to allow a writ of error. In that direction, however, there ought to be an increase by providing for a review of the decisions of the courts in criminal cases. The present system is very severe, not only upon persons accused of crime, but upon the Judges. When the decision of a Judge, which, perhaps, is to take away a man's life or liberty, is to be final upon perhaps a doubtful and delicate question of law, the responsibility must be felt to be very heavy. It was alluded to by Judge SHIPMAN only a day or two ago on Mr. TRACY's motion to quash the indictment against W. C. BARNEY and others.

Whatever increase there is involved in some provision for the proper review of criminal cases, no one could object to. But this bill provides for an immense increase of appeals in civil cases. For all the cases which would be now commenced in the Circuit Courts, it gives two appeals instead of one. There is a large increase of business in the provision allowing appeals from orders—and whereas now an appeal cannot be taken from a decree of the District Court unless it involve at least fifty dollars in amount, this bill takes away even that restriction, and gives an appeal in every case.

All this additional labor is to be thrown upon the Judges of the District Courts. And yet the bill does not provide for any increase in the inadequate salaries of those Judges. It is true that it allows reasonable expenses of travel and attendance where a Judge shall attend the Circuit Court of Appeals at any place other than his own residence. But it will be noticed that this, if it can be considered an increase at all, will be one in favor of the Judges who have least to do, for the places fixed by the statute for holding that court are precisely the places where are now held the most laborious courts.

We should like to know one thing about all these propositions to change the judicial system, and that is from what source they spring? What lies at the bottom of them all? Is there any such sense of deficiency in the present system as calls loudly for its change? We are unaware of it. Defects there are beyond a doubt in some details, but these would be much more easily remedied than by pulling down and building anew. Can any one tell what influences are pushing these propositions forward?

We are quite satisfied of one thing, viz., that it does not come from the bar in this part of the country. We have not met with a single member of the bar who favors that change or thinks that any general change of system is needed.

Outside Opinion as to the Metropolitan Health Bill.

The ill-judged attempt at Albany to demoralize the vital features of the Health Bill by an Assembly caucus, is awakening, as it should, general and intense solicitude. The effort to convert and pervert a measure which concerns the health of the Metropolis, and the lives of its citizens, into a party machine, should be indignantly rebuked. The Chamber of Commerce, representing the intelligence and wealth of the City, guided solely by convictions of duty, has pronounced its judgment in unequivocal language, and with entire unanimity. The citizens respond with a general unanimity in favor of the bill as it passed the Senate.

Happily, the Albany *Evening Journal*, conducted not only with marked ability, but with an independence without which a public journal is but a "whited sepulchre," kindly, but firmly, admonishes those who are seeking to promote their private ends and party objects that a great public question may not be thus prostituted. We say "happily," because journals breathing executive and legislative atmospheres do not always assert themselves. Upon all legitimate party questions, party journals elucidate, enforce and confirm their readers. But when party leaders, as sometimes happen, lose their way, or get off the track, journals should assist and guide their return. That most of our friends in the Assembly caucus were misled is too certain. The question before the Assembly was not legitimately political; nor was it a legitimate question for caucus discipline.

The *Evening Journal* devotes more than a column to a clear and able review of the question in its essential bearings. We ask attention to its irresistible conclusion:

"But we deem it important to understand precisely the method in which this vital measure is to be resisted. Its enemies dare not attack it upon its merits. They know perfectly well that in such an enterprise they would be signally defeated. Even last winter they resorted to the strategy of indirection. Then the bill was strangled by being kept in committee until combinations upon other measures on the floor enabled a consolidation of the dishonored junta who had been secured in opposition. Now, Mr. BOOLE and his counsel hope to triumph by dividing the friends of the measure. There have been honest differences of opinion as to the organization of the Sanitary Board. Conflicting views have been freely and earnestly expressed. Either party, up to a certain point, had a right to hold its own ideas, and to endeavor to establish them. But that time has passed. By a very decided vote, it has been settled that the Sanitary Commissioners should be named in the bill, and that the Police Commissioners should be added bodily. It is manifest that no deliberate attempt can now be made to change this principle, which will not involve the probability of disagreements fatal to the reform. We say it kindly, but in all frankness, that we do not see how any who shall seek to change the cardinal features of the bill, as it has passed the Senate, with the vote of every Union member, will escape the suspicion of being inimical to it. There is hardly an effort on the part of BOOLE and his satellites to deny that this is now thier only hope. We have sufficient confidence in the integrity and fidelity of the Assembly to believe that they build upon a sandy foundation. If this anticipation shall by any possibility be disappointed, we do not envy the future of those whom the people may hold responsible for the fact.

Our reasons for supporting the measure in its present shape, have already been given at length, and need only be referred to here. They are: The imperative necessity for an immediate and radical reform, in order to diminish permanently the death-rate of the metropolis, and to mitigate the horrors of certainly-approaching pestilence. The immense value to a complete sanitary system of the efficient Metropolitan Police organization. The absence of undue partisanship and cliqueism in the proposed board. The high character for scientific knowledge and personal integrity of the gentlemen named as Sanitary Commissioners. This last fact is all-controlling. It might be possible to select more devoted partisans—men of greater adroitness in manipulating cesspools, and more to be relied upon for delegations to State Conventions. But that, we take it, is not the object of the law. Its design is to administer in New-York and its suburbs a thorough system of hygiene. This is a purpose which has no relation to parties or factions—a purpose which can be accomplished only by men thoroughly educated in a peculiar direction, and by long experience familiar with the sanitary needs of the metropolis. Such are the learned physicians named in the bill as it has passed the Senate and is now before the House Committee. We consider the majority in the State held under a virtual pledge that Metropolitan Commissions shall be divested as far as possible of political bias. In honor, we would have the pledge fulfilled. All arguments bearing upon the question operate in favor of the law in its present shape—none can be used against it that are not selfish or corrupt.

We trust that the House Committee will speedily complete its examination of the bill, and report it for action. In the peculiar exigency of affairs—with cholera upon us—there is great demand for speedy and righteous legislation."

A WONDERFUL TERRITORY.—The enterprising Territory of Montana found an opportunity of gratuitously advertising itself on Wednesday to an extent and in a style rarely equaled by any of its rivals. A number of its citizens thought proper to make their appearance in the President's presence, and after announcing their approval of his principles and admiration of his character, they made certain statements concerning Montana—the making of which on such an occasion, and the getting of which before the world under such circumstances, were, we suspect, the chief object of their visit.

"Montana," said the oracle of the occasion, "has scarcely had a two years' political existence, and *already numbers fifty thousand inhabitants*. Places of habitation and of business are dotted all over her fertile valleys, and *her numerous thoroughfares are constantly trembling with the crush of merchandise*. The gold and silver which the Almighty had long kept hidden or garnered up in her hills and ravines have been revealed (or discovered) at a time when the nation needs *new channels of flowing wealth* to supply her treasury. And Montana possesses, as well as great mineral wealth, all those agricultural resources so well calculated to make her early populous and powerful."

This is assuredly a pretty strong advertising puff of Montana; but, like the generality of such things, we think it rather overdoes the business. "Fifty thousand inhabitants!" Fifty thousand boxes of cigars, or at least of cigar-boxes—all the same thing with a difference. "Numerous thoroughfares constantly trembling with the crush of merchandise"—more crowded than Broadway, more jammed than Fulton-street, more crammed than Nassau at evening tide. It is a terrible condition which the thoroughfares of Montana are in. They ought to build underground railroads to relieve them, and overground railroads to give them relief, and should have four or five pneumatic dispatch lines for the convenience of the Indians of the Territory. By the way, we should like to know if the Montana redskins are included in its fifty thousand inhabitants? We suppose they are, for would you deny humanity to the poor savage? Beside the "people" and the crush of merchandise" in Montana, there are also "new channels of flowing wealth" to "supply the National Treasury." Ah! that is excellent news; and if the wealth only flows in large enough volumes through these channels into the National Treasury, we shall forgive the Territory

ONE DAY LATER FROM EUROPE.

The Peruvian at Portland and the Fulton at this Port.

Reception of the Emperor Napoleon's Speech in England.

Impertinent Advice to the United States and a Sensible Reply Thereto.

The Mission of M. Saillard to the Court of Maximilian.

He is Hurried Off by the First Steamer with Only Verbal Directions.

Gen. Prim's Retreat Into Portugal Not Officially Confirmed.

A War Vessel for Peru Detained by the British Government.

The steamship *Peruvian*, from Liverpool at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the 26th, via Londonderry on the 26th of January, arrived at Portland at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning. Her dates are one day later than those already received.

The steamship *Fulton*, from Havre Jan. 24, also arrived yesterday.

The steamship *Belgian*, from Portland, arrived at Londonderry on the 26th of January.

The steamship *Britania*, from New-York, arrived at Greenock on the 25th of January.

The London *Times* observes that the conflicting nature of the estimates of the probable supply of cotton to be received from America this year is still remarkable. It states that Gen. Sherman, who has just been down the Mississippi to Arkansas, in a letter dated St. Louis, Jan. 2, to a friend in London, says: "You need not be under any apprehension as to cotton, for I saw enough to satisfy me that nearly all the cotton land is clear and ready for the plow, and will be growing cotton this year."

The publication of the full notes of Gordon's trial in Jamaica caused great indignation. Many journals proclaim that all law was violated, and that Gordon was murdered. Even the *Times* says that the evidence causes it to regret that Gordon was not indicted in regular form, and tried according to the forms of law by judge and jury.

Sir Edward Landseer has been elected President of the Royal Academy of Art *vice* Eastlake, deceased.

Another disastrous coal mine explosion had occurred near Wigan. Thirty lives were lost.

Fenian trials and convictions continue daily.

The cattle disease is increasing in England. The number of cases in the weekly return, for the first time, exceeds ten thousand. This number is for the week ending Jan. 20.

The London *Star* says that France, lately, at the suggestion, it is believed, of the Austrian Cabinet, suggested to England the conditions of a new conference on the Schleswig-Holstein question. Earl Russell expressed himself unfavorable to the proposition for the present, unless under certain peculiar conditions. The scheme, for the present, therefore, is at an end.

A vessel has been detained in the Thames, on the point of sailing for Peru.

The *Times'* "City Article" says: "A private telegram from Bombay states that the rate of exchange has suddenly gone up there, but the cause is not explained. The London discount market is without alteration, but in the Stock Exchange the demand for advances, yesterday, was active."

The *Globe* says: "Mr. Benjamin, Ex-Secretary of the Confederate States, is studying English law in the chambers of Mr. Pollock, in the Temple, with the view of being called to the English Bar."

The London *Sunday Gazette* says: "We understand that within the last few days Lord Russell, on behalf of the Queen, has offered to Viscountess Palmerston a peerage in her own right, with remainder to her son, the Right Hon. William Cowper. It has, however, been declined with many grateful expressions of the sense entertained by Lady Palmerston of the kind intentions of Her Majesty, and of the honor intended thereby to be paid to the memory of the late Premier. Lady Palmerston desires no change in her position, and is content with the distinction of being Lord Palmerston's widow."

A Madrid telegram says that the news of Gen. Prim's entry into Portugal had not been confirmed by the Spanish Ambassador at Lisbon.

This confirmation was impatiently awaited. There appears to be otherwise undoubted confirmation of the fact. It is stated that when Gen. Prim entered Portugal he had only 800 out of the 800 followers with whom he originally set out. They entered Portugal without arms, the Portuguese Government having threatened to allow the Spanish troops to pursue them should they cross the frontier armed.

The Spanish Government has telegraphed Gen. Zavala, Minister of Marine, to hasten his return to Madrid, in order that he might proceed to make arrangements for increasing the Spanish fleet in the Pacific.

A ministerial crisis existed at the Hague, the Ministers of the Interior and of Justice having resigned. The other members of the Cabinet had also offered to place their resignations in the hands of the King.

FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

Impertinent Advice for President Johnson—He Is Counseled Not to Irritate the Emperor.

From the London Times, Jan. 22.

The best hope of the maintenance of peace between France and the United States lie in the deep feelings of friendship and sympathy which Americans have toward the French people. If the Emperor Napoleon were obstinately to persist in upholding the Mexican Empire by force, these sentiments might be overpowered, but into a belief of Americans in the ancient friendship of France is strong enough to endure much provocation. We cannot, however, but feel that the line taken by the American Government is but ill calculated to preserve the alliance dear to American citizens. However desirous the Emperor Napoleon may be of retiring with decency from Mexico, the chance is almost denied him. The Imperial Government have always declared that the French occupation of Mexico was only a temporary measure. They have said that as soon as the Emperor Maximilian had been induced into his position all auxiliary troops would be withdrawn, and it would be perfectly consistent with these declarations were the French troops recalled tomorrow. It is, however, an obvious condition of their withdrawal that no other foreign Power should immediately afterward intervene in Mexico. The hands-off protégé of the Emperor Napoleon has in some fashion been adopted by his subjects, and he has a right to a fair trial. If his Government is such that the Mexicans desire to keep him as their Emperor, it is not easy to see why their wish should not be gratified. Mexico is not only a republic which has become an Empire, and the United States have been pleased in Europe what they refuse to tolerate in America. The objection lies in that exaggeration of the Monroe Doctrine for which Mr. Monroe is not responsible. Let President Johnson recur to the more moderate proposition announced by his predecessor, and the task of coming to an agreement with France is at once indefinably lightened. Mr. Monroe protested against European interference in America, but left each American community to choose its own form of government. If France retires from Mexico, this protest is sustained, whether the Empire of Maximilian be retained or be abolished. It is true that the Empire will have owed its origin to European influence, but if Mexicans acquiesce in it when this influence is removed the vice of its origin ought to be forgiven. The language of M. Drouyn de Lhuys leads to the belief that the Austrian Cabinet would be invited to Europe at once if the American Government would give a pledge that Mexico should be left to settle its own future destiny, and we hope so moderate a solution of a most embarrassing question will be accepted by President Johnson.

A SENSIBLE REPLY.

From the Pall Mall Gazette, Jan. 23.

The advice which the *Times* tenders to the Americans is excellent advice from our point of view. If the leading object of American policy ought to be to avoid doing anything whatever which could interfere with the prosperity of Europe in general, and in particular with that of England, nothing could possibly be better. A war between France and the United States would be a tremendous evil for all the world, and to no nation, except the belligerents, so great as to ourselves. As to Mexico, the Monroe Doctrine and the like, these are matters about which we care very little, except as we care for other nuisances to which we wish to give "a wide berth." As it is, however, we cannot arrange the feelings of other people according to our own notions. We may care very little for the Monroe Doctrine, but the Americans care for it a great deal, and this is proved by the fact that they have actually brought matters to the position in which they now stand. If they had not attached great importance to this Mexican question, for reasons of which they, no doubt, feel the importance far more than we can, they would not have gone so far as they have gone, though interference they will say more than they can stand to on a thousand subjects. American statesmen, when writing officially, are by no means accustomed to take up positions for the sake of retreating from them, as is, perhaps, better to try to look at the subject from their point of view, and, if possible, to understand their feelings, than to tender advice to them which is perfectly certain to do no one any good, and which expresses nothing except our own feelings. The French say they mean to leave the country, after which Maximilian must stand, if at all, by the consent of the Mexican people. Possibly the Americans would say to this, Whether we interfere or not with the new Empire is a question for our own consideration. We do not say that we will interfere, but we refuse to pledge ourselves to the French against interference. What business is it of theirs? *What right had they to begin playing the arbiter and overseer on the disputed ground and in our immediate neighborhood, and then make our non-interference with their work a condition of their departure?* We call on them to withdraw, and will give no pledge whatever as to our future conduct. This line may be, and no doubt is, exceedingly unpleasant to every one in Europe who wishes for a quiet life, but it is perfectly intelligible, and, what is more, *it puts the French in a most humiliating and difficult position.* As one object of the American policy probably is to punish the French and teach them a lesson for the future, *we do not see why they should be so very anxious to make things pleasant, and to let them out of the scrape into which they have brought themselves.* The peculiar difficulties of the position of the French Emperor are obvious enough. For reasons quite independent of the wishes and feelings of the Americans he is generally anxious to withdraw his troops. This statement of leaving Maximilian to take care of himself is almost the only motive he can have for keeping them where they are. If, however, he drifts with the United States upon such a ground, he will infallibly be beaten. It is inconceivable that he should be able to reinforce in adequate numbers an army against which the States could direct overwhelming forces, while at sea there would be, to say the least, a fight upon even terms, the United States having the enormous advantage of fighting in their own waters. In a word, it appears to us that Louis Napoleon has got himself into a predicament from which he can escape only by loss of credit, or by a terrible war, or by the permission of the Americans.

NAPOLEON'S TERRIBLE DILEMMA.

From the Pall Mall Gazette, Jan. 22.

Difficult as it would be to sacrifice the honor of Maximilian, the Emperor Napoleon cannot but feel that to sacrifice the honor of France, especially in a matter undertaken against the wish of the French people, would to some degree jeopardize his throne. Mr. Johnson must therefore know that there is a level at which resistance on the part of France would be inevitable, and that he has already very nearly reached it. It will probably appear by and by that there is an undercurrent of secret diplomacy at work, which will modify the aspect of affairs as seen in the present published correspondence. The visit of Mr. Seward to the West Indies and Vera Cruz, has apparently been taken as the basis of a notion that a principle of partition may be adopted, under which Maximilian would retain the Southern Provinces, and forego his pretensions to the Northern ones, which should either fall to the United States or constitute the diminished Republic of Juarez. No doubt the Imperial polity is much more easy of establishment in the former than in the latter. Mexico would then be divided, as St. Domingo and Hayti has been, between an Empire and a Republic. One result of so improbable a compromise, if really determined on, would certainly be to sound the knell of the Monroe Doctrine. *There certainly has been terrible miscalculation in the matter.* The Emperor of the French relied on being disentangled from Mexico before the Federal power had been disentrammelled from the civil war. The one operation has occupied more, the other less, time than was anticipated; and hence the French Emperor is suffering from a surprise. *A surprise in politics is, in these circumstances, very much akin to a surprise in strategy.*

HOW WILL HE GET OUT OF IT?

From the London Star, Jan. 22.

How will he get out of the dilemma? For we must still say that we do not believe there is, for all that has been said, any likelihood of the dispute terminating in war. So long as the American Government confines itself to mere remonstrance the obstruction France will raise no quarrel; and we have no doubt that a passive obstruction will best secure all the objects which America has to gain. The one paramount danger which the situation involves is the chance of anything being said or done which might penalize an imperial retreat impossible without open humiliation. How such a contingency would affect public opinion in France, we may gather from the language used in the *Debats* the other day, by so thoughtful and temperate a man as Saint-Marc Girardin. This distinguished and independent writer is, in every one knows, a consistent and eloquent opponent of the Imperial Government. He condemns, of course, the occupation of Mexico; he would be for abandoning it at once. But he says in the article we refer to, that one of the greatest evils of the situation is that it may provoke the Americans into some hostile demonstration. Because, as he explains, there would then be no choice, and whatever the toil and expense of going two thousand leagues to seek a duel, it would, nevertheless, perhaps be necessary to accept the challenge, even while cursing the place where the exigencies of the point of honor may at any moment oppress the counsels of prudence." Saint-Marc Girardin has proved himself a high confidence alike in the moderation of the American Government and the prudence of the Emperor of the French, and we entirely share that confidence. The situation is one in which statesmanlike forbearance is eminently politic. *The world comes to him who waits," is a favorite saying of the Emperor Napoleon himself.* The American Government may just now take it to heart. *The fall of the Mexican Empire has only to be waited for.* It must come if left to time. America has the game in her own hands if only she continues calm and wise enough not to attempt to win it all at once.

The Imperial Speech—Comments and Surmises of the London Press.

From the London Times, Jan. 24.

The speech of the Emperor Napoleon at the opening of the Legislative Session of 1866 is more than usually argumentative, and more nearly approaches the type of a Presidential Message. The Emperor boasts of what has been accomplished, promises more for the future, lectures the country on its duties, explains its institutions, and compares them with those of neighboring nations, makes a kind of financial statement, and enters upon an important social question affecting the well-being of the working classes. Although the chief interest of the speech belongs to the paragraphs which are devoted to Mexico, there are several matters of importance both to Frenchmen and foreigners in this elaborate address. We must take it as a compliment that the Emperor gives the first place to the meeting of the French and English fleets last August, and augurs from it the maintenance of that good understanding which prevailed between the two nations during the greater part of his reign. It may indeed seem strange that the two leading Powers of Europe should spend enormous sums—sums which form the heaviest burdens of their respective nations—in the construction of machines of war more immense, more costly, and more formidable than have ever been known in the history of the world, and then when all that science can accomplish for the destruction of mankind has been elaborated, the meeting of these machines, and the comparison of their deadly powers, should be taken as the best proof of the good-will of their possessors. Yet so it is. There can be no doubt that the Cherbourg and Portsmouth festivities of last year did more to induce an amicable temper among the French than if there had been an international exhibition of locomotives, or plowing machines, or cotton machinery, with manufacturers to make speeches and artisans to express their mutual friendship over wine or malt liquor. Nations like to show their strength and to have it appreciated—a moral failing which has been a chief cause of many wars for which statesmen at the time gave a political reason, which historians have dutifully echoed. The meeting of the fleets proved to the world that each nation was possessed of tremendous powers of injuring an enemy, and that if the iron-clads of France came into hostile collision with those of England, all the vessels engaged would probably be sent to the bottom, unless, indeed, it proved that no one of them was able to do the slightest harm to the other. As both fleets were admired, both nations were satisfied, and the Emperor has every reason to hope that so long as their Power thinks it necessary to construct these machines of war the comparison of their respective strength may be made by engineers and naval officers in the interests of hospitality, and that the rough trial of a real battle may be dismissed as unnecessary and obsolete, and with it war.

We have always held the opinion that France, and France alone, is responsible for the immense armaments which now overburden Europe. France can attack anybody, while it is perfectly notorious that nobody has any intention of attacking her. If she would come forward and make a large, unmistakable, and permanent reduction in her vast standing army, our belief is that the military system of Europe, the most gigantic evil which afflicts its people, would in a few years crumble to the ground. We do not despair that this will be accomplished, for the motion of the world in these days is a constantly accelerated progression, and the end may be nearer than men suspect. Nothing can be more excellent than the advice the Emperor gives his people in the latter part of his speech, although we might question his political theories, and, above all, his comparison between the institutions of France and those of the United States. It is true that the Emperor has the power of a President to act against the will of the Legislature, but it must be remembered that the President is a politician chosen by the body of the people for a term of only four years, while a French Emperor is supposed to be an hereditary monarch. The almost despotic authority which is intrusted to a man whose character is known, and who is chosen for a brief term, may be and we think is wholly incompatible with good government when it devolves on an hereditary Prince. Undoubtedly, this objection does not arise during the lifetime of the original founder of a dynasty, but as the Emperor spoke generally, it may be affirmed that English experience has proved that monarchy cannot be constitutionally maintained without greater restrictions than are necessary where the ruler is but the elected sovereign of the people. We have, however, not the slightest wish to convert the French people from their political ideas to ours. Their best course, indeed, will be, as the Emperor in effect tells them, to think less of politics and more of those social and economical matters without which politics become, as in so many communities of both hemispheres, a mere mischievous agitation. A moral, industrious, well-educated people are sure to obtain good government.

IMPERIAL PHRASES.

From the London Daily News, Jan. 23.

It would greatly contribute to a better understanding of the genius of the Napoleonic system in France if a glossary of the official language of Imperialism, as distinguished from the language of ordinary Frenchmen, could be prepared for the use of the world at large. We offer this suggestion in all sincerity, after fourteen years' experience of the errors of interpretation into which a too literal reading of the Imperial language is apt to betray foreign commentators. *Par ordre de mon pere* is, by Imperial parlance, the most authentic and solemn of all forms of words. Perhaps it may be worth while to translate a few of the phrases which fall once a year upon the ears of the French Legislature. There is an imposing frankness in the sentences of the solemn speech at these annual solemnities which, to estimate at its full worth, requires, it may be, all the surrounding scenic and martial accessories—the boom of cannon, the blast of trumpets, and all the pomp of majesty that encircles the sole visible representative of the national will. A speech that says so much and yet so little is apt to be considered as written or spoken in the vulgar tongue. Thus, just should it be patiently deciphered as though it were an oracle with a double meaning in every line. It is, after all, the speech of a man who has a great part to play with studied and appropriate action, or rather who has many parts to play, and to adapt himself to them by rapid and dramatic changes of voice and manner. Our simple duty and desire must be to put the best construction we can upon the words of a Sovereign who, referring in cordial terms to the mutual hospitalities of Cherbourg and Portsmouth last year, accepts those happy meetings as a pledge that "the relations formed upon the field of battle have no: been weakened," and that "time has only cemented the agreement of the two countries."

IN THE EMPEROR SUMMER?

From the London Star, Jan. 23.

If the speech really means what it says, then the Mexican question does not give the Emperor the slightest concern. He is progressing—he said last year he was—for the withdrawal of his troops when French claims and interests are secured; he has indeed already entered into arrangements tending this way with the Emperor Maximilian. Doubtless there is some little agonizing awakened across the Texan frontier line by the promptness of French troops. But all such excitement will calm down before the frankness of the declarations and the policy of France. For the rest the Emperor reminds America that she (she has invited to cooperate herself in the Mexican expedition,) and it was her own fault if she did not choose to do so; and he adds the indisputable truth that great nations which are jealous of their independence ought to be careful about every step which may affect their dignity. It is very possible that the Emperor is sufficiently confident of the peaceful purpose of the American Government, and sees his way clearly enough to an early withdrawal of his troops, to be able in all sincerity to treat the matter thus calmly. We say nothing about the frankness of French policy in Mexico, except that it most assuredly had not much of that quality at the time Mr. Dayton used to be receiving from M. Thouvenel daily assurances that France had not the faintest notion of interfering in the political affairs of the Mexican Republic. But we confess we can hardly bring ourselves to believe that the Emperor Napoleon is really as confident in the future of his Austrian *protégé* across the Atlantic, as his words and tone would give him out. In vulgar parlance, the Emperor appears to us determined to make the best of a bad business. As it becomes clearly inconvenient to remain in Mexico, he is prudently determined not to see any of the dangers which his withdrawal may bring upon the sovereign whom it was so lately his whim to set up there. The world has good reason to applaud this determination. The fall of the Mexican Empire concerns very few people this side of the Atlantic. It is, on the other hand, something highly important to all of us to be able to infer that the Emperor of the French has not the remotest notion of daring a shot for the defence of the Mexican Sovereign. We need not concern ourselves much about the rest.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.

Messrs. Satterthwaite's circular of the evening of the 24th says: "Since last week the chief features of American Securities have been some few large transactions in five-twenty bonds and a demand for Erie shares for shipment to New-York. The general public, however, appear to be doing little or no business in these securities. On the week five-twenties have advanced about a ¼, closing at 69¾@69¾, notwithstanding reported large shipments from New-York to England. Illinois Central shares continued neglected at 78@78½. In Erie shares there have been considerable fluctuations. At one time they were taken in bulk at the better quotations per *City of London* seriously depressed the market, and they leave off heavy 2 lower than last week, viz.: at 58½@58¾. Some demand for Virginia sixes has caused an improvement of ¼. Atlantic and Great Western shares are steady."

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

The Funds were steady and rather firmer. The discount rate of the Bank of England continued to remain at 8 per cent. The supply of money in the discount market continues comfortable, and Choice Bills are heavily negotiated at ¼@¾ cent below the Bank's minimum.

(By Telegraph to Londonderry.)

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Jan. 26.

Cotton—The Brokers' Circular reports the sales of Cotton for the week at 56,000 bales, of which speculators took 4,000 and exporters 12,000 bales. The market has declined ⅛d. for American and ¼d.@⅜d. for other descriptions. The sales to-day (Friday) are estimated at 7,000 bales, of which 1,000 were taken by speculators and exporters. Uplands closing heavy at the authorized quotations of Thursday, which are as follows: Fair Orleans, 21d.; Middling Orleans, 19¼d.; Fair Mobiles, 20¾d.; Middling Mobiles, 19¼d.; Fair Uplands, 20¼d.; Middling Uplands, 19¼d. The stock is estimated at 650,000 bales, of which 18,000 are American.

The Manchester market is inactive, and prices for goods and yarns tend downward.

Breadstuffs are steady.

Provisions are quiet but steady.

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 26.

Consols for money 89¾@90.

United States Five-Twenties, 69@69½.

Illinois Central Shares, 78@78½.

The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £39,000.

The Recent City Car Accident—Death of Thomas Kearney—Coroner's Inquest and Verdict of the Jury.

On Monday afternoon last, a man named Thomas Kearney, was run over in Elm-street, near Pearl, by car No. 7, of the Bleecker-street line, as already reported in the Times. Yesterday the injured man died at the New-York Hospital, and an inquest was held on the body by Coroner Collin. From the testimony taken before the Jury it appeared that on the afternoon in question, Henry Bolz was driving his car at a rapid rate, which was claimed to have been unnecessary, in order to gain sufficient impetus to go up the inclined plane which the rising of the street presents at that point. The Company it appeared at one time, had an extra horse stationed at that corner, to assist the regular team in hauling the car up the hill, but from reason not explained, the arrangement had been discontinued.

John Cox, conductor of the car, expressed the opinion that a flagman would be of far more service than any extra horse. The driver, Henry Bolz, gave it as his belief that it was necessary to have a flagman on the corner of Elm and Pearl streets.

On the case being given to the Jury they brought in the following verdict:

"That Thomas Kearney, the deceased, came to his death by being accidentally run over by Car No. 7, of the Bleecker-street and Fulton Ferry Railroad, and that we exonerate the driver from all blame in the matter; and we think that the company ought to have a flagman or an extra horse at that locality, to prevent further accidents."

Mr. Kearney was a native of Ireland and 48 years of age.

Jewelry Operators and Gift Enterprises.

A man named H. Hayward, of the firm of Hayward & Co., who have an office at No. 229 Broadway, has been brought before the Mayor several times on charges of swindling. It appears that Hayward & Co. operate in the following manner: They first send a circular, stating that they have received 50 cents for two certificates, the said certificates being inclosed in the letter. The recipient of the letter has probably not sent any money whatever to them, up to this time. One of these certificates invariably states that on receipt of $5 24, a watch, value $50, will be sent; and the other, that a chain, value $25, will be forwarded on receipt of some small amount.

Those who are foolish enough to believe these promises send their money to Hayward & Co., and, as is alleged, that is the last they ever hear of it. Several of these victims, usually countrymen, have laid their cases before the Mayor, but as Hayward invariably declares that the articles ordered have been dispatched, and as there are no means of proving the contrary, he is allowed to depart, "scot free." The following notices of Hayward's firm and another in Brooklyn, who are supposed to be in collusion with Hayward, have appeared in the Times and one of the Brooklyn papers:

"Victimizing a Countryman.—H. Hayward, of the firm of Hayward & Co., doing business at No. 229 Broadway, was brought before Mayor Hoffman yesterday on a charge of swindling preferred by Rev. Ezekiel Comfort, of Salisbury, N. H. The complainant stated that he was induced by Hayward & Co., in payment for certificates, which, according to Hayward's advertisements, were to entitle the holders to gold watches, diamond rings, and a number of other valuable articles. No answer was received from Hayward & Co., and Mr. Comfort, having been called to the city on other business, paid a visit to Capt. Brackett, of the City Hall Police, who detailed Officer Wilkinson to work up the case. Hayward was arrested and taken before the Mayor, where he acknowledged the receipt of the letter, but said that it had been opened before it came into his hands and the money abstracted. Mayor Hoffman did not believe Hayward's statement, and ordered him to refund the money, which was done."—*N. Y. Times, Jan. 17, 1866.*

"The Jewelry 'Operators'—Mayor Wood Orders Them before Him and gives Them his Ultimatum.—Officer John Cobb, of the Mayor's office, this day arrested Alex. Orton, in Montague-street, opposite the Post-office, Messrs. Hammond & Co., and took them before His Honor Mayor Wood. The charge alleged against this firm is that they are jewelry swindlers. Their circular has been published heretofore in the columns of this paper. This firm is doing a large business through the Post-office, and also the express office. They have been before the Mayor several times, and in each case they made good the claims against them. This morning His Honor told the gentlemen plainly that if they did not quit business they would be compelled to leave the city—a decision in which the public will uphold him."

As the law now stands, there appears to be no redress for those who have been victimized. It was supposed that the law would warrant the Post-office authorities in stopping the letters addressed to these and similar firms, but it appears that such is not the case, and that there is nothing to prevent their reaping a rich harvest from the ignorant and foolish.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

The Stover-Porter Case Again.—The Mr. Newman referred to, as a lawyer appearing for D. M. Porter in the case of Porter *vs.* Stover, reported in the Times of the 6th inst., and who was severely censured by Judge McCunn for reading an indecent and unprofessional affidavit, was not Mr. Clement D. Newman.

The Ball Season.—The employes of the several telegraph companies in this City intend holding their second annual ball at Irving Hall on the 19th inst. This doubtless will be one of the most successful balls of the season, and those anxious to attend should secure tickets at once, which may be had at any telegraph office.

Fifth Ward Evening School.—The closing exercises of this school take place this (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock. A distribution of certificates to the female department will be made during the evening.

The Lindsey Blues.—A reception will be held by the Lindsey Blues at Irving Hall on Wednesday, the 14th inst. This will be the thirteenth season in which the Blues have held these reunions.

New-England Social Club.—A meeting of this club will be held at Jones' Assembly Rooms, No. 656 Broadway, on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst.

A Recipe for Counterfeiting Foreign Perfumes.—Take several gross of spurious labels, a quantity of bad spirits and coarse essential oils; mix and bottle the latter articles, and paste the former on the vials. Then sell the stuff (and the public) if you can. But you can't do much in that way while Phalon's "Night-Blooming Cereus" has the command of every domestic market.—*Washington Star.*

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No. 5 Rue de la Paix, Paris,
AND
No. 8 Wall-st., New-York,
issue circular letters of credit for travelers in all parts of Europe, &c., &c. Also, commercial credits.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

SAMUEL B. HARD
BANKER AND BROKER,
No. 66 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
Corner New-st., New-York.
GOVERNMENT BONDS, RAILROAD STOCKS, &c.,
Bought and sold on Commission.
Interest allowed on deposits, subject to draft at sight.

LOCKWOOD & CO., BANKERS,
NO. 94 BROADWAY AND NO. 6 WALL-ST.
Dealers in government and other securities.
Interest allowed upon deposits of gold and currency, subject to check at sight. Gold loaned to merchants and bankers upon favorable terms.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 27, 1866.

THE TRUSTEES, IN OBEDIENCE TO the charter of the company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st December, 1865:
Premiums received on marine risks from 1st January, 1865, to 31st December, 1865.....$6,933,146 80
Premiums on policies not marked off 1st January, 1865.....2,919,234 73
Total amount of Marine Premiums.....$9,852,471 53
No policies have been issued to insure lives nor upon fire risks disconnected with marine risks.
Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1865, to 31st December, 1865.....$8,264,146 38
Losses paid during the same period.....$3,655,178 45
Returns of premiums and expenses.....$992,341 44
The company has the following assets, viz.:
United States and State of New-York Stock, City, Bank, and other stocks.....$4,828,536 00
Loans secured by stocks, and otherwise.....3,300,350 00
Real estate and bonds and mortgages.....221,260 00
Dividends on stocks, interest on bonds and mortgages, and other loans, sundry notes, reinsurance and other claims due the company, estimated at.....144,964 43
Premium notes and bills receivable.....3,283,801 96
Cash in bank, coin.....80,462 00
Cash in bank, United States Treasury Note Currency.....310,551 78
Total amount of assets.....$13,199,975 17

Six per cent. interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 6th of February next.
Fifty per cent. of the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1864, will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 6th February next, from which date interest on the same, so redeemable, will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment and canceled to the extent paid.
A dividend of 35 per cent. is declared on the net earned premiums of the company, for the year ending 31st December, 1865, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 3d of April next.
By order of the board,
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

TRUSTEES.
JOHN D. JONES, W. STURGIS,
CHARLES DENNIS, HENRY K. BOGERT,
W. H. H. MOORE, JOSHUA J. HENRY,
HENRY COIT, ROBERT B. MINTURN,
WM. C. PICKERSGILL, JOSEPH GAILLARD, JR.,
LEWIS CURTIS, J. HENRY BURGY,
ADRIAN H. RUSSELL, CORNELIUS GRINNELL,
HOWELL HOLBROOK, C. A. HAND,
R. WARREN WESTON, B. J. HOWLAND,
ROYAL PHELPS, BENJ. BABCOCK,
CALEB BARSTOW, FLETCHER WESTRAY,
A. P. PILLOT, ROBT. B. MINTURN, JR.
WM. E. DODGE, GORDON W. BURNHAM,
ISAAC N. SEAMAN, FREDK. CHAUNCEY.
DAVID LANE, JAMES LOW
JAMES BRICE, GEO. S. STEPHENSON,
LEROY M. WILEY, WILLIAM H. WEBB.
DANIEL S. MILLER,
JOHN D. JONES, President.
CHARLES DENNIS, Vice-President.
W. H. H. MOORE, Second Vice-President.
J. D. HEWLETT, Third Vice-President.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,

WHEREAS, BY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the "Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank," in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the act of Congress entitled an act to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act required to be complied with before commencing business under said act.
Now, therefore, I, HUGH McCULLOCH, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank of the City of New-York, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, is authorized to commence the business of banking, under the act aforesaid.
In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 22d day of January, 1866.
[SEAL.] FREEMAN CLARK,
Comptroller.
No. 1,624.

CUMBERLAND COAL AND IRON COMPANY.—NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SECOND MORTGAGE BONDS.—The undersigned, Trustees under the second mortgage of this company, will receive proposals for the sale to them for the purposes of the sinking fund of all or any part of the bonds of the second mortgage bonds, such proposals to be in writing, addressed to the Trustees, and left at the office of this company, on or before the 14th day of February, instant, stating the number of bonds offered and the lowest price at which they will be sold.
CHAS. A. RAPELLO,
FREDERICK A. CODE,
JAMES C. BELL,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1866.

NOTICE.—THE MISSISQUOI BANK, FORMERLY located and doing business at Sheldon, Franklin County, Vermont, has been represented insolvent and enjoined by the Court of Chancery, and the undersigned appointed receiver, and the time limited to six months from this date within which the creditors of said bank must present and prove their claims against said bank. Creditors are hereby notified that the undersigned will receive such claims at the banking house of said bank, in Sheldon, Vermont.
D. D. WEAD, Receiver.
SHELDON, Vermont, Jan. 17, 1866.

BROAD TOP COAL AND IRON COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year will be held (in conformity with the laws of Pennsylvania) at Carlisle's Hotel, Morrisville, Penn., on TUESDAY, Feb. 13, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M. The polls will be opened until 2 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed from the 7th to the 13th February.
FRED. G. SCRIBA, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI R. R. CO.,
OFFICE, CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors and for the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21, 1866. The transfer books will be closed from Feb. 10 until Feb. 22.
GEO. E. RUSSELL, Secretary.

THE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO.,

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE bonds of this company, due Feb. 1, will be paid on and after that date at the American National Bank, No. 80 Broadway.
W. E. WATSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES BANK NOTE CO.,
No. 71 BROADWAY, Feb. 1, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED STATES BANK NOTE COMPANY will be held at their office on THURSDAY, Feb. 15. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
STEPHEN PAUL, Secretary.

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS and other States—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 2, first floor over Park Bank.

FINANCIAL.

FISK & HATCH,
BANKERS AND DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
No. 5 NASSAU-ST.,
Keep on hand and buy and sell at market rates, all issues of
UNITED STATES BONDS, SEVEN-THIRTY TREASURY NOTES, COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES,
CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, &c.
Agents for the sale of the
UNITED STATES 6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS,
issued in aid of the Central Pacific R. R.,
and
CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD STATE AID BONDS, bearing 7 PER CENT. interest, in GOLD, GUARANTEED and PAID by the STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
Accounts of Banks, Bankers and others received on favorable terms.
Orders for the purchase and sale of Miscellaneous Stocks and Bonds, executed with care and promptness at the
REGULAR STOCK EXCHANGE.

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD
STATE AID BONDS
Issued at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM,
IN GOLD,
Payable semi-annually,
Guaranteed and Paid by the
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

The bonds are secured by a mortgage on 120 miles of road, from Sacramento to the Nevada line, passing the GREAT OVERLAND RAILROAD ROUTE, ADOPTED and AIDED by the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
A SINKING FUND OF $50,000 PER ANNUM, reserved from the earnings of the road, is PLEDGED FOR THEIR REDEMPTION. They are a first-class security in every respect, and a limited amount will be offered upon terms which render them a VERY ATTRACTIVE and DESIRABLE INVESTMENT. For further particulars inquire at our office, No. 5 Nassau-st.
FISK & HATCH, BANKERS.

NEW-YORK GUARANTY AND INDEMNITY COMPANY.
NO. 14 BROAD-ST.
CAPITAL, $2,000,000.

DIRECTORS.
A. LOW, W. BUTLER DUNCAN,
C. VON HOFFMAN, GEORGE D. CRAGIN,
JONATHAN THORNE, HERMAN MAERTER,
JOEL WOLFE, RICHARD LATHERS,
JAMES B. JOHNSTON, MARTIN BATES,
DAVID DOWS, C. P. BARKMAN,
U. A. MURDOCK, NOAH L. WEBSON.
SAMUEL D. Pres't, [illegible], President pro tem.
JAMES P. WALLACE, Vice-President.
SAMUEL G. OGDEN, Treasurer.

CASH ADVANCES
MADE ON
MERCHANDISE, IN STORE AND IN TRANSIT, STOCKS, BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES.
Also, on shipments to Europe.

This company is prepared to take the management of real and personal estate, to negotiate loans for States and corporations, and to collect interest, coupons, &c. Certificates of deposits will be issued, bearing interest.
GRENVILLE WINTHROP. EUGENE WINTHROP.

GRENVILLE WINTHROP & CO.,
NO. 49 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK.
FOREIGN EXCHANGE SOLD. BUSINESS PAPER, ETC.
BANKER'S, COMMERCIAL AND DOCUMENTARY BILLS bought and sold on commission.

TRAVELING CREDITS.
Circular notes for £10 and upwards, on the Union Bank of London, available in all the principal towns and cities of Europe, for sale, at the current rate of exchange, by
L. P. MORTON & CO., Bankers, No. 25 Wall-st.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
NEW-YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
OFFICE,
NOS. 112 AND 114 BROADWAY.
JAN. 1, 1866.

Amount of assets Jan. 1, 1865	$3,658,755 55
Amount of premiums received during 1865	$2,584,804 86
Amount of interest received and accrued, including premium on gold, &c.	397,280 84—2,982,085 40
Total	$6,640,840 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid losses by death	$490,622 00
Paid for redemption, &c., of dividends, annuities and surrendered and canceled policies	294,898 53
Paid advertising, printing and office expenses	71,228 95
Paid commissions and agency expenses	216,405 53
Paid for advertising and physician's fees	31,542 41
Paid taxes, internal revenue stamps, war contribution and law expenses	14,208 80—$1,118,901 28
Total	$4,881,919 70

ASSETS.

Cash on hand and in Bank	$260,086 56
Invested in United States stocks, cost	2,115,431 25
(Market value $2,146,775.)	
Invested in City of New-York City Bank stocks, cost	82,561 50
(Market value $84,075.)	
Invested in other stocks, cost	333,923 15
(Market value $334,075.)	
Loans on demand, secured by United States and other stocks	48,800 00
(Market value $55,600.)	
Real estate	140,619 74
(Market value $250,000.)	
Bonds and mortgages	260,747 02
Premium notes on existing policies bearing interest	1,186,986 21
Quarterly and semi-annual premiums due subsequent to Jan. 1, 1866	242,451 02
Interest accrued to Jan. 1, 1866	60,980 59
Rents accrued to Jan. 1, 1866	1,879 12
Commissions allowed to boards of agents and in course of transmission	197,601 54—$4,881,919 70

The Trustees have declared a return premium as follows: A Scrip Dividend of FIFTY PER CENT. upon all participating premiums on Life Policies in force, which were issued before three months prior to Jan. 1, 1866, and directed the redemption in full of the dividends declared in 1863 and 1864.
Said scrip will be redeemed in cash on and after the first Monday in March next, on presentation at the home office. Policies subject to notes will be credited with the return on settlement of next premium.
By order of the board,
WILLIAM H. BEERS, Actuary.

During the year 5,138 new policies were issued, insuring $16,324,888.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE COMPANY, JAN. 1, 1866.

Assets as above, at cost	$4,881,919 70
Market value	$5,013,469 06
Disposed of as follows:	
Reserved for losses, due subsequent to Jan. 1, 1866	$76,841 45
Reserved for reported losses, awaiting proofs	26,000 00
Reserved for special deposit for minor children	285 71
Amount reserved for reinsurance on all existing policies, (valuations at 4 per cent. interest)	3,502,000 00
Reserved for:	
Dividends declared prior to 1863, due and payable on demand	118,211 88
Dividends, 1863 and 1864, now to be paid	252,800 00
Dividend, 1865, (present value)	215,042 00
Dividend, 1866, (present value)	458,130 00
Special reserve, (not divided)	184,228 95—4,881,919 70

TRUSTEES.
MORRIS FRANKLIN....President of the New-York Life Insurance Company.
JOHN M. NIXON.....(Nixon & Sons, Dry Goods, No. 45 Warren-st.
DAVID DOWS.....(DAVID Dows & Co., Flour Merchants, No. 26 South-st.
ISAAC C. KENDALL....Union Buildings, corner of William and Fine sts.
DANIEL S. MILLER.....(Late DATER, MILLER & Co., Bankers.)
JOHN E. WILLIAMS.....President of the Metropolitan Bank.
WM. C. DUSENBERY.....(Real Estate Broker.)
HENRY K. BOGERT.....(BOGERT & KNEELAND,) No. 49 William-st.
JOHN L. ROGERS.....(Late ROGERS & Co., Importers,) No. 54 William-st.
JOHN MAIRS.....(Merchant.) No. 20 South-st.
LUDLOW S. FULLER.....(Firm,) No. 139 Greenwich-st.
WM. H. APPLETON.....(APPLETON & Co., Publishers,) Nos. 443 and 445 Broadway.
ROBERT B. COLLINS.....(COLLINS & BROTHER, Stationers,) No. 84 Leonard-st.
WILLIAM BARTON.....(WM. BARTON & SON,) No. 43 Pine-st.
WM. A. BOOTH.....(BOOTH & EDGAR,) No. 95 Front-st.
THOMAS SMULL.....(THOS. SMULL & SON,) No. 76 Gold-st.
SANFORD COBB.....President Eagle Fire Insurance Company, 71 Wall-st.
GEORGE A. OSGOOD...Banker, (Of SCHAUS, MASSETT & CO.,) 19 William-st.
JAMES G. KING.....Banker, No. 63 William-st.
CHAS. L. ANTHONY....(ANTHONY & HALL, Dry Goods,) No. 66 Leonard-st.

MORRIS FRANKLIN, President.
ISAAC C. KENDALL, Vice-President.
WILLIAM H. BEERS, Actuary.

THEODORE M. SANTA, Cashier.
CORNELIUS R. BOGERT, M. D., } Medical Examiners.
GEORGE HALL, M. D., }
CHARLES WRIGHT, M. D., Asst. Medical Examiner.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN TRANSIT COMPANY, Nos. 54 and 56 Exchange-place,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 6, 1866.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CENTRAL AMERICAN TRANSIT STEAMSHIP STOCK.—The Directors of the Central American Transit Company, exercising the right conferred by the charter of the company of increasing the capital, separating the property and business and dividing the stock of the company, offer to the stockholders and to the public, for the purpose of paying the small outstanding liabilities of the company and perfecting their steamship lines, and of improving and operating the transit, 40,000 shares of the Central American Steamship Stock, payable cash, 10 per cent. Feb. 15; 10 per cent. March 15; 10 per cent. April 15; 5 per cent. May 15; 5 per cent. June 15; 5 per cent. July 15, and 5 per cent. Aug. 15.
The subscribers have the right to exchange Central American Transit Stock at par for Central American Steamship Stock at par, at any time of payment of the installments, the amounts not to exceed the above-mentioned payments in cash on their respective subscriptions, for which certificates of full-paid steamship stock will be issued as installments are made.
Scrip certificates will be given on payment of the installments in cash.
On or before August the option of the right to exchange Central American Transit Stock for Central American Steamship Stock will cease.
The prospectus will be ready for delivery at the office of the company, Nos. 54 and 56 Exchange-place, on and after the 6th inst.
WM. H. WEBB, President.
A. J. HAMILTON, Secretary.

ALL HOLDERS OF THE BONDS OF THE WILMINGTON AND MANCHESTER RAILROAD COMPANY, North Carolina, are respectfully requested to make themselves known, as soon as possible, to the undersigned, or M. K. JESUP & CO., agents of the company, New-York, giving class and numbers of bonds held by them respectively, that the company may confer with them on matters relating to their interests.
HENRY M. DRANE,
President Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, Wilmington, N. C.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Southwestern Mining Company will be held at the Continental Hotel in the City of Philadelphia, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of February, 1866, at 11 o'clock P. M.
J. B. HANDOLL, Sec.

WANTED TO LOAN—$6,000 OR $10,000, ON bond and mortgage, on improved real estate worth double the amount. Interest payable at the office of the subscriber. A. P. WHITEHEAD, No. 6 Wall-st.

FINANCIAL.

DEW & STORER,
BANKERS,
NO. 11 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK,
Allow interest at the rate of FOUR PER CENT. per annum on deposits which may be checked for at sight.
Special attention given to the purchase and sale of Government Securities.
Miscellaneous Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on commission.
Collections made promptly on all points.
HENRY W. POTTER.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW,
(Late Secretary of State.)

STEPHEN H. CONDICT, DAVID JENNINGS,
New-York. Charleston, S. C.
BYRON SUCKLEY, WM. M. TUNNO,
New-York. Savannah, Ga.

CONDICT, SHERMAN & CO.,
BANKERS,
No. 17 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.
Give special attention to collections throughout the Southern States. Solicit deposits, subject to check at sight, from banks, bankers and individuals, and allow interest by agreement. Execute orders promptly for the purchase and sale of gold, and of government and other securities.
Sell Foreign Exchange, and buy and sell Exchange on Charleston and Savannah.
D. JENNINGS & CO., J. M. TUNNO & CO.,
Charleston, S. C. Savannah, Ga.

MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE.
STATEMENT
OF THE BUSINESS AND CONDITION OF THE
METROPOLITAN INSURANCE COMPANY,
Nos. 308 and 310 Broadway,
ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1865.

Unearned Premiums, Jan. 1, 1865	$323,051 96
Premiums received in 1865, as follows:	
On Marine risks	$537,360 55
On Fire risks	844,905 38—$1,382,265 93
Total Premiums	$1,701,947 89
Premiums marked off as earned from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1865	$1,396,852 24
Less Return Premiums	105,186 15
Net Earned Premiums	$1,305,366 09
Losses paid during the year.	
On Marine risks	$529,997 07
On Fire risks	373,397 57
Total losses	$706,394 64
Reserved for losses unadjusted	157,395 99
Expenses, Reinsurance, Commissions and Taxes, (less interest received	275,340 53—$1,139,731 16
Net Profit	$165,614 90

CAPITAL.

The Capital of said Company actually paid up in cash is	$1,000,000 00
The surplus on the 1st day of January, 1866	644,148 42
Total amount of Capital and Surplus	1,644,148 42

ASSETS.
JAN. 1, 1866.

Amount of cash on hand and in bank	$170,535 80
Amount of cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission	73,420 57
Amount of U. S. 6s of 1881	107,000 00
Amount of U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. bonds	7,000 00
Amount of U. S. 5-20 6 per cent. bonds	13,000 00
Amount of U. S. compound interest note	500 00
Amount of U. S. 7-30 Treasury notes	643,700 00
Amount of bank stocks and other miscellaneous securities	13,360 00
Amount of loans on bonds and mortgages, being first lien of record, on unincumbered real estate	222,800 00
Amount of loans on collateral, payable on demand	181,130 45
Amount of other miscellaneous items	25,150 75
Amount due for fire premiums on policies issued at office	33,350 00
Amount due for marine premiums on policies issued at office	45,398 85
Amount of bills receivable for premiums on marine risks	92,260 12
Interest due and accrued, but not yet payable	11,209 35—$1,644,148 42

The Board of Directors have this day resolved to pay a dividend of

SIX PER CENT.
on the outstanding Certificates of Profits to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Monday the 5th of March next; also a dividend of
TWENTY PER CENT.
on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable in Cash on demand; also a dividend of
TWENTY PER CENT.
in scrip, on the net earned Participating Premiums of the Company for the year 1865, for which Certificates will be issued on and after the 1st day of April next.

DIRECTORS.
JAMES LORIMER GRAHAM, HENRY PARISH,
ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM, DUDLEY B. FULLER,
EDWARD SHANDANAN, JOSEPH GAILLARD,
JOSEPH B. VARNUM, GILBERT L. BEEKMAN,
BOWES R. McILVAINE, CHARLES P. KIRKLAND,
FREDERICK H. WILLCOTT, JOSEPH GAILLARD, JR.,
WILLIAM M. STRONG, WATSON E. CASE,
JOHN C. HENDERSON, LORRAIN FREEMAN,
GUSTAVUS A. CONOVER, EDWARD MARSHALL,
PASCHAL W. TURNEY, SAMUEL D. BRADFORD,
FRANKLIN H. DELANO, GEO. W. HATCH.

OFFICERS.
JAMES LORIMER GRAHAM, President.
ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM, Vice-President.
JAMES LORIMER GRAHAM, JR., 2d Vice-Pres't.
H. HENDERSON, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 23, 1866.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
INTEREST DEPARTMENT.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1866.
Schedules of (30) thirty or more Seven and Three-tenths will be received at this office until 12 M., and be received for examination.
H. H. VAN DYCK,
Assistant Treasurer U. S.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
SIX PER CENT. THIRTY YEAR BONDS,
ISSUED TO THE
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
For sale by JOHN J. CISCO & SON,
No. 33 WALL-ST.

FOR SALE.
First Mortgage 10 Per Cent. Sacramento Valley Railroad Bonds, payable in gold coin.
First Mortgage 8 Per Cent. Freeport Railroad Bonds, payable in gold coin.
First Mortgage 10 Per Cent. Placerville and Sacramento Bonds, payable in currency.
County Bonds 10 Per Cent. of Eldorado County, payable in gold.
City Bonds 10 Per Cent. of Placerville, payable in gold.
All in the State of California.
Apply to GEORGE T. M. DAVIS,
No. 47 Exchange-place.

GOLD ROCK MINING COMPANY OF COLORADO.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of trustees, will be held at the office of the company, No. 115 Wall-st., on WEDNESDAY, 21st inst., between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
J. M. LOCKWOOD, Secretary.

RAILROAD NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, will take place at the office of the company, Dubuque, Iowa, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, Feb. 12, 1866.
LOUIS BOISOT, Secretary.
DUBUQUE, Jan. 2, 1866.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE CO., NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1866.

54TH DIVIDEND.
A Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. free of Government tax, has this day been declared payable on demand.
A. COLSON, JR., Secretary.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 96 FINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1866.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a dividend of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, payable on the 20th inst.
Transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 20th inst., both days inclusive. AUSTIN STEVENS,
Secretary.

THE OSWEGO AND SYRACUSE RAILROAD COMPANY will pay its Twenty-fifth Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., free from the government tax, on the 15th day of February next. New-York stockholders will be paid by Henry A. Oakley, Esq., Transfer Agent, at the office of the Howard Insurance Company. Albany and Troy stockholders at the New-York State National Bank. Utica stockholders at the Oneida National Bank. Syracuse stockholders at the Syracuse National Bank. All others at the Lake Ontario National Bank.
Dividends not called for within thirty days will be paid at the Treasurer's office, Oswego, only.
OSWEGO, Feb. 5, 1866. L. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY,
ALBANY, Feb. 1, 1866.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable, free of Government tax, on and after the 1st day of February next, at their office, No. 7 Nassau-st.
The transfer books will be closed and will remain closed until Monday, 26th inst. By order of the Board.
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

NAUGATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, COR. MAIN-ST. AND SOUTH-AV.,
NAUGATUCK, Conn., Feb. 1, 1866.

TWENTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS have declared a half-yearly dividend of Seven (7) per cent., free from government tax, payable 15th inst.
The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 10th inst., both days inclusive.
H. NICHOLLS, Treasurer.

ST. NICHOLAS BANK, NO. 7 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a semi-annual dividend of Five Per Cent., free of government tax, payable on and after MONDAY, 12th inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 5th to 12th inst., inclusive.
WM. H. BERHURST, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND ALLEGHANY OIL COMPANY, No. 194 MAIDEN-LANE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a Dividend of Five Per Cent. on the Capital Stock, free of government tax, payable at the office of the Company on and after the 16th inst. Transfer books will be closed from the 10th to the 15th inst.
WM. H. PHELPS, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual dividend on the capital stock of the company of Four per cent., free of government tax, and payable on the 15th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that day.
Feb. 6, 1866. DANIEL S. KEARNEY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO., NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of Four per cent., free of government tax, payable on demand.
By order. WM. S. MARTIN, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 100 Broadway.

Cash Capital	$500,000 00
Surplus	1,032,889 34
	$1,532,889 34

Three-fourths of the Profits of the Business Divided to its Customers, without imposing on them any liability whatever.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.
This Company has this day declared

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND
OF
SEVEN PER CENT.
to the Stockholders, payable to them, or their legal representatives, on and after THURSDAY, 11th inst.
GEO. T. HOPE, President.
H. H. LAMPORT, Secretary.
CYRUS PECK, Assistant Secretary.

TWELFTH DIVIDEND.

GEBHARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 141 BROADWAY.

Cash Capital	$200,000
Assets	252,000

NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1866.
The Board of Directors have THIS DAY declared a dividend of SIX PER CENT., payable on the first day of February, free of government tax.
JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

TWENTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.
WASHINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 175 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 2, 1866.
A DIVIDEND of
SIX PER CENT.
is THIS DAY declared, payable on demand, in cash, to stockholders.
Also, an INTEREST DIVIDEND of SIX (6) PER CENT. on outstanding scrip, payable 15th March, in cash.
Also, a SCRIP DIVIDEND of TWENTY PER CENT. on the Earned Premiums of Policies entitled to participate in the profits for the year ending 31st January, 1866. The scrip will be ready for delivery on and after 15th March prox.
GEO. C. SATTERLEE, President.
HENRY WESTON, Vice-President.
WM. K. LOTHROP, Secretary.
WM. A. SCOTT, Assistant Secretary.

DIVIDEND.
LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
No. 104 Broadway, N. Y.

Cash capital	$1,000,000
Assets Jan. 1, 1866	1,456,472 19

A dividend of Five Per Cent. on the capital stock of this company has been declared this day, payable on demand.
JOHN C. MILLS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1866.

OFFICE GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1866.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., free of government tax, and payable to the stockholders at their office, No. 156 Broadway, on and after the 15th inst. Transfer books will be closed until that date.
By order, JAMES HARRISON, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE WOLF CREEK DIAMOND COAL CO., NO. 205 WALNUT-ST.—The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Two and One-half Per Cent. on the capital stock of the Company, payable on and after Feb. 15. The transfer books will close on the 10th and reopen on the 15th inst.
R. R. ROBB, Treasurer.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7, 1866.

PROPOSALS

ARMY SUPPLIES.

OFFICE OF
ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,
No. 4 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1866.

Sealed proposals (in duplicate) will be received by the undersigned until (1) one o'clock P. M. on FRIDAY, the 9th instant, for supplying, for the use of the United States Army, SUBSISTENCE STORES, to be delivered in New-York or Brooklyn, as follows, viz.:
1,000 barrels PORK—UNLESS OR PRIME MESS—of the old and new crop, in full-hooped oak or ash barrels, with two iron hoops. Meat to be free from rust or stain, full weight and thoroughly salted. Bidders will state when their pork was packed and the brands; also the kind of barrel.
The pork to be received at such inspection yards as shall be agreed to by the undersigned.
3,000 barrels of first quality, superfine Southern St. Louis or other brands of FLOUR, *suitable for keeping in a warm climate.* The brands and pieces of manufacture to be stated in the bids, and whether in round or flat hoop barrels. The barrels to be in good shipping order, full head-lined and bungs sealed.
400,000 pounds good hard SOAP, to be made by boiling and only from good materials, free from clay, soluble glass or other adulteration, to have no unpleasant odor, to contain not more than twenty-five per cent. of water, and to be well dried before being packed.
POTATOES—Such quantities as may be required during the months of February and March, 1866, 60 cents per bushel, in good ordinary well-coopered barrels.
ONIONS—Such quantities as may be required during the months of February and March, 1866, 60 pounds to the bushel, in barrels as above.
The stores are required for immediate delivery.
Samples of the flour and soap must be delivered with the proposals, and referred to therein.
A printed copy of this advertisement must be attached to each proposal, and the proposals must be specific in complying precisely with all the terms. Each bid, to have consideration, must contain the written guaranty of two responsible names, as follows:
"We, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that should a'l or any part of the above bid be accepted, it shall be duly fulfilled according to the terms and conditions; also, that a written contract, with bonds to the amount of one-fourth of the value of the stores proposed to be purchased, shall be executed, if required."
The seller's name, place of business and the date of purchase, as well as the name of contents, with shipping marks to be hereafter design

SHIPPING.

NEW BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 7.
ARABIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 14.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 21.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 28.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, March 7.
ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, March 14.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$122 50
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$112 50
Second Cabin Passage.....75 00

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Specie, unless Bills of Lading are signed therefor.

No bills of lading furnished and signed on the pier.

For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and PERSIRE will leave Pier No. 47, North River (foot of Canal-st.), as follows:

ARAGO.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1866.
ARAGO.....HENRY A. GARDNER.....March 17, 1866.
PERSIRE.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....April 14, 1866.

And every twenty-eight days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin.....$120 | Second cabin.....$60
Tickets to go through to Paris, $6 extra.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For further information, apply to
JOHN G. DALE, President,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
(Limited.)
NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Steamers.	Tons	Commanders
QUEEN	3,412	Grogan.
ENGLAND—building	3,450	
SCOTLAND	3,896	Hall.
ERIN	3,370	Comyn.
HELVETIA	3,315	Prowse.
PENNSYLVANIA	3,872	McNevin.
VIRGINIA	3,872	Lewis.
LOUISIANA	2,166	Cutting.

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
VIRGINIA.....SATURDAY, Feb. 10
HELVETIA.....SATURDAY, Feb. 17
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The size of these steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening on the saloon, while the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.

An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.

Steerage passage tickets to bring parties from Liverpool or Queenstown, for $37 currency.

Cabin passage, $90; steerage, $30—payable in currency.

The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for moneys or valuables unless bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.

For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway.

H. B. EDWARDS, Manager.

For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 276 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 57 Broadway.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S LINE OF FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The first and splendid vessels on this favorite route for the continent are the following:

WASHINGTON.....3,204 tons.....900-horse power
SEINE.....3,204 tons.....900-horse power
EUROPE.....3,000 tons.....900-horse power
NAPOLEON III.....1,100-horse power
LAFAYETTE.....1,130-horse power
PERRIRE.....1,130-horse power
VILLE DE PARIS.....1,130-horse power

Leaving Pier No. 50 North River.
LAFAYETTE.....FRIDAY.....March 2

Carrying only cabin passengers.

Semi-monthly departures of the new steamers just completed will commence in March.

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin, $135; second cabin, $80, including table wine and coffee.

Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished there with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $2 for second class.

Medical attendance free of charge.

For further information apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent,
Removed from No. 7 to 58 Broadway.

At Paris, 19 Boulevard des Capucines, (Grand Hotel.)
At Havre, WM. ISELIN & CO.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE
TO CALIFORNIA,
AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st and 21st of every month, (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding Saturday,) for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railway, with one of the company's steamships for PANAMA, leaving the same day for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.

FEBRUARY.
1st, HENRY CHAUNCEY, connecting with the COLORADO.
20th, COSTA RICA, connecting with SACRAMENTO.

Also, NEW-YORK, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Feb. 10, for Aspinwall, to connect at Panama with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS; 1st and 11th for CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS. Those of 1st touch at MANZANILLO.

THROUGH PASSAGE RATES, IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin. Second Cabin. Steerage.
$300 $150 $100

A discount of ONE-QUARTER from steamers' rates will be allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers accompanied by their families.

Beach changed through. One hundred pounds allowed each adult.

An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets or further information apply at the company's Depot office, on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.

F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA NICARAGUA.
EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.

First Class. Second Class. Third Class.
$175 to $190. $100. $50.

THROUGH TO SAN FRANCISCO.

The Central American Transit Company having placed a fine new steamboat on LAKE NICARAGUA, thereby insuring passengers

PROMPT AND RELIABLE TRANSIT.

will dispatch the fast and elegant steamship
SANTIAGO DE CUBA,
JERRY LUDLUM, Esq., Commander,
on TUESDAY, Feb. 20, at noon, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Franklin-st.

EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.

For passage apply early, by mail or in person, at No. 177 West-st., corner of Warren.

D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.

REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL LINE
of first-class steamships
GRANADA,
ALHAMBRA,
ANDALUSIA,
SARAGOSSA,
and the QUAKER CITY.

The favorite and fast steamship
ALHAMBRA, CROWELL, Master,
is now receiving freight and will be dispatched promptly at 3 o'clock, from Pier No. 14 East River, on SATURDAY, 10th February.

For freight or passage apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of freight per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamers will receive orders for delivery at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co., No. 84 Broadway, upon surrender of their bills of lading.

Goods remaining on the wharf twenty-four hours after discharge will be stored at expense and risk of consignees.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.
CALLING AT
ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO AND BAHIA
EVERY TRIP.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

will dispatch regularly, on the 22d of each month, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 43 North River,

ONE OF THEIR NEW FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS,
THE
SOUTH AMERICA,
E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Commander,
ON THURSDAY, THE 22D OF FEBRUARY.

An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamship.

All letters must pass through the Post-office.

Large lots of heavy freight at low rates.

For freight or passage apply to
THOMAS ASENCIO & CO.,
No. 17 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT

ATLANTIC AND MISSISSIPPI STEAMSHIP LINE.

First-class steamships, and superior accommodations for passengers.

$40 FIRST CABIN PASSAGE.
SAILING WEEKLY.

The favorite A1 ocean steamship
MISSOURI,
JAMES SHERMAN, Commander,
will sail from Pier No. 8 North River, SATURDAY, Feb. 10, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Freight will be received for her commencing Wednesday morning.

Bills of lading furnished and signed on the pier.

First cabin passage

$40 CURRENCY.

For freight or passage, having elegant accommodations, apply to

GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

EVERY SATURDAY, FROM PIER NO. 13, NORTH RIVER.

EMPIRE SIDE-WHEEL LINE.
The favorite side-wheel steamship
GEN. M'CLELLAN,
JOSHUA ATKINS, Commander,
Will sail for Savannah direct from Pier No. 13, North river, foot of Cedar-st. on SATURDAY, Feb. 10, promptly at 3 o'clock. Freight received daily and handled carefully. Bills of lading signed on the pier.

SAN JACINTO follows Feb. 17.

For freight or passage, having elegant accommodations, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

Agent at Savannah, B. H. HARDEE.

NEW-ORLEANS VIA HAVANA.

The New-York Mail Steamship Company's steamship GUIDING STAR will leave on SATURDAY, Feb. 10, at 3 P. M., from the company's pier, No. 47 North River.

For freight or passage, apply to
JAMES B. KEYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

The steamship GUIDING STAR, leaving as above on Saturday next, will touch at Havana to land passengers only.

FOR SAVANNAH.
PIONEER LINE.

Cabin passage $25. EVERY THURSDAY. Deck $10.

Landing cargo in Savannah on the following Monday morning.

The new and elegant steamship
TYBEE,
ISAAC CROWELL, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on THURSDAY, Feb. 15, at 3 P. M.

For freight, at lowest rates, or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LEWIS L. JONES,
No. 17 Broadway.

Agents in Savannah.
GUERARD & GAMMELL.

Beware of runners and bogus passage tickets.

FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.
COMMERCIAL LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

The splendid United States Mail Steamships,
FAIRBANKS.....Capt. ALEX. HUNTER
WM. P. OLYPHANT.....Capt. JAS. S. ROBBINS
Will sail weekly from Pier No. 18 East River, foot of Wall-st.

Cabin passage, $25.

The A1 steamship WM. P. CLYDE will sail on SATURDAY, 17th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M. For freight or passage apply to
CHAS. H. PIERSON, No. 17 South-st.
or, JAMES HAND, No. 117 Wall-st.

FOR MOBILE DIRECT.
REGULAR LINE.

The first-class steamships
GUIDING STAR, Capt. JAMES STEWART.
GULF STREAM, Capt. ROBERT MOUNT.
VICKSBURGH, Capt. WILLIAM F. MCCREERY.
MEREDITH, Capt. E. C. WILLIAMS.

The steamer VICKSBURGH is now receiving freight at Pier No. 28 East River, and will sail on SATURDAY, Feb. 10, at 3 o'clock P. M.

For freight or passage, with superior accommodations, apply to SMITH & DUNNING,
No. 66 South-st.

Extra freight will be charged on all goods for which bills of lading are not taken out before the steamer sails.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LE MESSURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the company's wharf at Jersey City, on
MONDAY, Feb. 26, and SATURDAY, March 24.
Passage money to Nassau.....$25
Passage money to Havana.....50

Cabin passage is gold or its equivalent.

No freight received on day before sailing.

For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR SAVANNAH.—MURRAY'S WEEKLY LINE—PASSAGE REDUCED.—Cabin, $25; Deck, $10. The first-class steamships VIRGO, BULKLEY, Commander; LEO, MERRILL, Commander. The LEO is now receiving freight at Pier No. 13 East River, and will sail on THURSDAY, Feb. 15, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, PERKINS & CO., No. 62 South-st.
OCTAVUS COHEN, Agent, Savannah.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The new and first-class steamship GEO. CROMWELL, Capt. E. E. VAIL, will leave Pier No. 9 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to H. B. CROMWELL & CO.,
No. 56 West-st.

STEAMBOATS.

THE GREAT INSIDE ROUTE FOR BOSTON.
AVOIDING POINT JUDITH.
STONINGTON LINE OF STEAMERS,

being the safest and quickest between Boston and New-York. The elegant and splendid steamers

PLYMOUTH ROCK, Capt. J. C. GEER,
On TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS;
COMMODORE, Capt. E. F. CURTIS,
On MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS,
at 4 o'clock P. M. from Pier No. 19 North River.

These boats are unsurpassed for comfort, strength and safety. State-rooms secured at the office, Pier No. 18, on the wharf, foot of Murray-st., New-York, and at the Providence Depot.

Return trains leave Boston at 5½ P. M.

M. H. SIMONS, Agent.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD—Steamers leave Peck-slip at 5:15 P. M. Trains North and East from New-Haven at 11 P. M.

EXPRESSES.

MEXICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

For the transportation of mails, merchandise, valuable packages, specie, &c., &c., to all parts of Mexico, by steamers leaving New-York for Vera Cruz on the 8th and 23d of every month.

For particulars, rates of freight, &c., &c., apply at the office of the Mexican Express Company, No. 60 Broadway.

GEO. F. KNORR, Superintendent.

FOREIGN HOTELS.

TO AMERICANS VISITING PARIS.—THE undersigned, with long experience in Paris, is prepared to make arrangements for travelers on the most favorable terms. Hotels, furnished apartments, and good boarding-houses procured at short notice. A list of the most reasonable stores for all classes of goods, kept on hand. Special attention paid to all letters received in advance, and any information given gratis. Address EDWARD SPRENT, House, Estate and Commission Agent, No. 4 Rue de la Ferme des Mathurins, near the Boulevards and Madelaine, Paris.

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MEDICAL CLAIRVOYANCE.
NO. 38 WEST 8TH-ST., BETWEEN 5TH and 6TH AVS.

As a medical clairvoyant Madame Winslow exceeds all others gifted with this wonderful power; she accurately locates and minutely describes all diseases, the cause, effect and remedy. Many of our most respectable and wealthy citizens, given up by their physicians, and even by Dr. Chloroformyne on the Stamp Agent, J. S. ASPINWALL, No. 36 William-st.

A CARD TO THE LADIES.

After years of scientific researches in Europe and South America, I have made a wonderful discovery.

I can cure in 36 hours any case of failing of the womb, prolapsus uteri, without respect to age. The remedy, which is painless, is brought to mind along and replaces the womb without pain in its primitive natural position. No exposure, no pessaries or instruments used. Restores at once all important organs to their standing can be given.

Treatment of every other female comp aint, from whatever cause produced. ABRAHAM P. COX, M. D.,
No. 67 Carmine-st. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

THOUSANDS ARE TIMELY SAVED BY Dr. KENNEDY'S skillful and improved treatment. Private diseases cured in the shortest possible time by Dr. KENNEDY & CO., No. 20 Elm-st., New-York, without the use of mercury, or any mineral poison. Dr. KENNEDY, from the hospitals of London, Paris and Edinburgh, is the discoverer of the only certain and reliable remedies for the disease of private character. In 25 years' practice he has cured more cases of Secret Diseases and Wrong Treatment than all others combined. He can and will cure you in less time and at less expense than any other man. Young men who have been robbed of their money and health, call; it will take but little money and time to restore you. If you have been unfortunate, call and see him. His experience in this much neglected branch of medical science, has enabled to guarantee a cure in the most complicated cases. Recent cases of Gonorrhœa or Syphilis cured in a few days, without change of diet or hindrance from business. Secondary Syphilis—the last vestige eradicated without the use of Mercury. Involuntary emissions, resulting from Self-abuse, Sexual Incontinency, or loss of sexual power, restored to full vigor in a few weeks, permanently and speedily cured by a new treatment. Persons at a distance, failing to receive a personal treatment elsewhere, may get a permanent cure effected by writing a full diagnosis of their case, addressed to Dr. KENNEDY, No. 20 Elm-st., New-York.

CONSULTATION FREE. DOLLAR ONLY, TO ALL PARTS OF THE HOUSE—NO RESERVED SEATS.

Tickets can now be obtained at all the ticket offices.

NOTICE.—The Academy having been previously let for other purposes after 3 o'clock on that day, the matinee on this occasion will commence
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.
Doors open at 10 o'clock.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY,
MISS LUCILLE WESTERN
In her renowned play of
EAST LYNNE; or THE ELOPEMENT.
THIS (Friday) EVENING, Feb. 9.
Box-office open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.

Lessee and Manager.....WM. WHEATLEY.
This establishment does not advertise in the New-York Herald.

A FFLICTED RESTORED—IGNORANCE EXPOSED—FALLACIES UNMASKED.—Highly important to both sexes, married or single, in health or disease. Dr. Caverno's Paris, London and New-York MEDICAL ADVISER AND MARRIAGE GUIDE. New edition; 400 pages. Nearly 100 anatomical illustrations upon debility, affections of the bladder and kidneys, nervous diseases, genital diseases, &c. Also the author's unequaled Paris and London treatment, &c. All who would avoid unsuccessful and barbarous treatment with quacks, should consult this treatise, or, &c. should purchase this original work of E. WARNER, No. 1 Vesey-st., for $1 50, closely sealed, or consult the Doctor, No. 195 Broadway, up stairs, New-York, from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

"We concur with other papers in recommending Dr. LARMONT'S medical treatise."—*New-York Tribune, German die Reform, Staats Zeitung, Atlas, Medical Review, &c.*

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TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), Feb. 10,
GRAND MATINEE,
CRISPINO E LA COMARE.
NOTICE.—The Academy having been previously let for other purposes after 3 o'clock on that day, the Matinée on this occasion will
COMMENCE AT 11 O'CLOCK.
Doors open at 10 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Arrangements have been made for the magnificent DECORATIONS of the ARION SOCIETY BALL, prepared at great expense by NICOLAI MEISTER, to remain in the Academy during
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MONDAY, 12th,
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and
FRIDAY, 16th inst.,
Rev. Dean Milman's famous tragedy,
THE ITALIAN WIFE,
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Or, THE ITALIAN WIFE.
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SATURDAY, 17th,
Bulwer's favorite play, the
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On and after MONDAY, Jan. 1, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Hudson River and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:

7:30 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., connecting with trains for Albany and West.

11 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Northern and Western trains.

11 A. M. via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham for Albany and West.

3:45 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Troy with trap for Montreal, with sleeping-cars attached.

4 P. M. via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Troy with Western trains, and at Troy with Rensselaer and Saratoga and Troy and Boston, for points North, with sleeping-cars attached.

5 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad; sleeping-cars from New-York to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change. Also, to Montreal via Saratoga. This train runs on Sunday.

10 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad; with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany and Troy with morning trains for all points.

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9:00 A. M.—Express Mail, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, and Dunkirk, connecting with Lake Shore and Atlantic and Great Western.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train, for Port Jervis and Newburgh.

4:00 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.

5:00 P. M.—Lightning Express, Daily, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West; connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.

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THE ARION BALL.

GREAT AND TRIUMPHANT SUCCESS.

Five Thousand Jolly People at the Academy.

The Procession, the Dances, the Supper, &c.. &c.

The two great German singing societies, the Arion and the Liederkranz, annually give each a ball at the Academy of Music, at which the good people of the fraternities meet *en masque* and have jolly good times. The ball of the Arion Society was given last night; that of the Liederkranz follows on Thursday of next week.

Great preparations were made by the Arion committee to insure a grand success on this occasion. The Academy was hired and its decoration intrusted to the skillful hand of ——, who availed himself of all that ingenuity could devise and money procure for the beautifying of the building. Tickets were placed at the moderate sum of $10, and a great many of them were sold at that rate; many fell into the hands of speculators, and these sold at comparatively enormous prices, as high a figure as $50 having been reached in several instances.

THE TICKETS.

We are not informed as to whose fertile brain devised the design upon the face of this year's tickets. The artist, whoever he may be, has mettle and point, sagacity and wit in his composition. In the immediate foreground are the four candidates who last competed for the Mayoralty. Mr. GUNTHER is readily recognized in the little Dutchman at the left, clad in furs, and bearing in his hand a placard with 6681 thereon; in front of him Mr. HECKER bends beneath a weighty bag of farina; MARSHALL O. ROBERTS appears as a jolly tar paddling a toy steam-sloop on little wooden wheels, while Mr. HOFFMAN, with both hands gyrating gracefully from the tip of his nasal organ, stands triumphantly on the rear platform of a city railway car making rapid headway toward the City Hall. President JOHNSON, mounted on a toy donkey, indicates his pardoning liberality by shearing off with an immense pair of scissors, two pardons at a time from a printed list, which fall meanderingly among the people, but keep tantalizingly just beyond the reach of poor old JEFF., who sits helplessly in a wire cage, making frantic exertions to secure a paper, while around his fragile form cling gracefully his wife's discarded crinoline. Devils with waterfalls, ladies with waterfalls and imps with waterfalls, dance mercifully throughout the scene, utterly unnoticed by a pensive newspaper man in a broad brimmed hat, who sits cosily beneath a chandelier, reading his last "effort." At the extreme left, in theatric attitude, a high shouldered, thin-legged individual, with long hair and a slouched hat, indicative of a Teutonic youth who disports his facile pen copperheadishly in the columns of a "so-called Democratic evening journal."

It was very well known that the ball which the Arion proposed giving would be crowded. Two thousand people quite comfortably fill the Academy floor, three thousand crowd it, and beyond that none but a Cincinnati packer can comprehend the density of the situation. There were probably 2,000 tickets sold and at least 500 complimentary tickets issued. This secures an attendance not far from 4,500, to which add at least 500 people who are admitted on divers pretexts, and we have the pleasant little company of five thousand. At a masquerade ball a crowd is quite as manageable as at any other, but for some reason each mask demands twice the room that an ordinary undisguised individual would require. But on this as on all such occasions, and particularly if our German friends direct the affair, with all the crowding there was no ill humor, no ill nature, no ill feeling.

THE DECORATIONS.

The Academy never looked better than on this occasion. The decorations were mainly tapestries and draperies lining the entire front of each circle. The colors were rich and gorgeous—crimson and gilt worked into quaint figures of the mediæval style. Flowers in bounteous profusion perfumed the air on every side. Baskets and bouquets arranged with skill and taste were placed at every hand. At the place looked like a vast and beautiful garden of flowers. From the centre of the ceiling fell gracefully long festoons of evergreens entwined with flowers and buds; at the rear of the stage, over a platform for acrobatic and other displays, was a vast figure of Apollo riding a dolphin, lyre in hand, over which in a scroll appeared the name of Arion. This beautiful figure was designed by Mr. CALLYO, the capable artist of the Academy, whose figure of "Fame" attracted universal commendation at the Reception of the Seventh Regiment, and whose operatic scenery is known to us all so favorably. There was not much in detail of which we can speak. The general air of splendor given the Academy by the gorgeous magnificence of the drapery was the theme of general remark.

THE BALL.

A masquerade ball to-day differs little in its main features from that of yesterday, or that of last year. There are always good, bad and indifferent maskers; always people who know what they are about, and full as many who don't. On the occasion of which we write, with the exception of the procession, we noticed none of special excellence. There were Harlequins, Columbines, Newspapers, Shakespeares, Comus, Kings of all manners and ages, Warriors, Indians, innumerable Firemen, Soldiers, Flowers of many names and species, &c., &c., *ad infinitum*. By 9 o'clock the floor was well filled, the circles crowded, and when the procession moved it was with some difficulty that room could be made for it.

THE PROCESSION.

The peals of laughter, the roars of approbation with which the festive Arions greeted the procession was equaled only by the intelligence with which they grasped the point and appreciated the wit of the burlesque. The procession consisted of two grand divisions, representing War and Peace.

I.—WAR DIVISION.

Headed by twelve Harlequins and Pierrots, followed by

1. The Floor Committee, commanded by Capt. JOHN O. HUNDT and Capt. G. BLAU.
2. BRASS BAND in Herold costumes playing martial airs.
3. WARRIORS—representing old Romans in costume.
4. MARS AND BELLONA—Mars represented by Lieut.-Col. BRESTEL, Bellona by ——.
5. Gen. GRANT, on a triumphal car, surrounded by Gens. SHERMAN, SHERIDAN, BUTLER and Staff. (Grant by Mr. ELY; Sheridan by Mr. REINHARDT; Butler by Mr. FILIUS; the Staff represented by Messrs. GIESSEN, WOHLGEMUTH, ADAMS, Major KLEINSCHMIDT and CHR. FRERICHS.
6. U. S. SOLDIERS—One company.
7. A GOLD BROKER, (Mr. WELLY,) with a sign designating: "Gold $285," and a BOUNTY BROKER, (Mr. MENKEL,) with a sign: "Wanted, 50,000 able-bodied Recruits for Uncle Sam."—Bounty $1,000.
8. U. S. SAILORS.
9. A KEG PATENT BEER, (by Mr. FRANCIS SCHMIDT.)
10. LITTLE MAC, and his banker AUGUST SCHOENBERG, (adopted son of Baron ROTHSCHILD,) with an empty cash-box. Little Mac represented by the amiable dwarf, Mr. FRITZ OETKE.

II. PEACE DIVISION.

1. COLUMBIA—Surrounded by the thirty-seven States of the Union, represented by thirty-seven ladies in various costumes.
2. MUSIC—Band playing idyllic airs.
3. PRESIDENT JOHNSON—On a platform with several tailors, who do their utmost to repair some of the states which are most in need of it, like South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, etc. (The President represented by Mr. FRANCIS BANG.)
4. BROTHER JONATHAN—Arm in arm with the "Deutsche Michel."
5. FENIANS, with the Irish flag, dressed in short dress-coats, short knee-breeches, woolen stockings and big shoes with buckles, bearing shillelahs; one side representing the O'Mahony interest with a full cash box, the other the Senatorial or Roberts faction.
6. PRINCE CARNIVAL, on a throne surrounded by many harlequins.
7. QUEENS OF FLOWERS—Snowbell, Mrs. TRIACCA; Rose, Mrs. RICHARD; Camelia, Mrs. FRIEDEBORN, Germinium—(Mrs. HARTMANN.)
Forget-me-not—(Miss TIVY.)
The ladies dressed in black, red, yellow, green and white tarlatans, dotted respectively with gold and silver stars, the whole dress trimmed with the flowers corresponding with the character to be represented.
8. EIGHT LARGE DAHLIAS.
9. NINTH GENERAL GERMAN SINGER-FESTIVAL.
Flag-bearer.
Director, M. AGRICOLA.
Marshal as student, (an original bootmaker.)
Permanent Secretary of all the coming festivals.

Then the following Glee Clubs, with large drinking horns, viz: Crying Academy of Bottletown, Bullfrogsville Glee Club, Jersey Flats Liederkranz, Dutch Hill Saengerbund, Salt River Maennerchor, Washington Territory Mixed Chorus.

10. GRAND TAROET EXCURSION of the Plattdeutsche Schuetzen for Bremen, preceded by a Dilletanti Band.

The procession did not enter the door until nearly 12, at which time the floor was absolutely dense with masks and spectators. The divers burlesques met the uproarious reception they so richly deserved, the political references being particularly applauded.

Prior to the grand *entree* at the far end of the room, under the musically-inclined Apollo, whose gas-jets, by the way, were all unlighted at this crisis, a series of acrobatic evolutions were performed by a number of limber chaps whose legs and arms and spinal column were made of india-rubber, gutta-percha, or some other pliable material. Pumpkins, and other ordinarily well-behaved fruit of the soil, seemed possessed of a rollicking mood, and availed themselves of the carnivalism opportunity to roll about in the most gay and festive manner—while manakins worked by invisible agencies conducted themselves in the most inebriate and kick-legular style.

THE DANCING.

Dancing began at an early hour and was kept up with great spirit all night long and very far into the day. The following is the programme:

Waltz, Die ersten Curen, Strauss; Quadrille, Carnival, Strauss; Gallop, Echo, Bergmann; Lancers, Souvenir, F. Rietzel; Shottish, Automata, Spindler; Waltz, Les Bansgulles, Lanner; Quadrille, Fashion, Strauss; Polka, Bimmenless, Rietzel; Gallop, Nomdesaris, Faust; Lancers, Arion, Rietzel; Polka Redows, Estelle, Voss; Waltz, Morning flowers, Strauss; Quadrille, Olymp, Strauss; Gallop, Victoria, Rietzel; Shottish, Arion, Bergmann; Lancers, Carnival 1866, Rietzel; Walz, Immer heiterer, Strauss; Polka, Albern, Rietzel; Quadrille, Reunion, Reitzel; Polka Redera, Bassafrass, Strauss; Gallop, Waterfall, Rietzel.

CONCLUSION.

The ball was a great success. The decorations by NICOLA MEISTER were admirable; the costumes by the celebrated CHAS. BUCKHEESTER were in many instances superb, and in all appropriate; the music could not be surpassed. The supper was abundant, well served and excellent.

Mr. RICHARD, of the Invitation Committee, aided the guests and spectators greatly by an elaborately prepared programme of the procession, descriptive and detailed, for which they were under great obligations.

The committee were as follows:

Committee on Invitations.—GUSTAV FRIEDEBORN, Chairman; B. Fisch, J. C. Hundt, J. Pick, H. Richard, A. Bueckel.

Committee on Decorations.—Capt. WM. HELMMER, Chairman; Dr. Bauch, G. Hanft, Nicola Meister, C. A. Millner, G. Schmidt.

Officers of the "Arion" for 1866.—President, C. J. TRIACCA; Vice-Presidents, Wm. Baeder, Andreas Ruckstal; Recording Secretary, R. Herder; Corresponding Secretary, F. Lucasson; Financial Secretary, A. Reichelt; Treasurer, J. D. A. Mensing; Librarian, Wm. Edler.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 8.

Petitions were presented for a Metropolitan Baggage Act and to incorporate the Workingmen's Union of New-York.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

To regulate taxes on lands taken, or to be taken, for Croton Aqueduct purposes. To increase the powers and duties of Courts of Special Sessions except in New-York and Albany.

By Mr. GIBSON—A majority report to extend the term of office of justices in the Eighth Judicial District of New-York.

BILLS NOTICED.

By Mr. H. C. MURPHY—To cancel certain contracts relative to the Tenth-avenue sewer in New-York.

By Mr. C. G. CORNELL.—To incorporate the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis in New-York; to incorporate Concerella Library Association, New-York.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. E. CORNELL—To provide for the reduction of the capital stock of banking associations.

By Mr. LENT—To regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors in Metropolitan Police Districts. It constitutes a Board of Police Commissioners of the Excise Commissioners, vesting in them exclusive power to grant licenses.

By Mr. BENNET—To define the powers of railroad companies in certain cases. It provides that it shall not be lawful for any railroad company organized under the laws of this State to engage in or to permit its funds or property to be employed in the manufacture of any articles except such as shall be required in its own business, or in receiving, storing or delivering any property, excepting such as is required for its own use, or has been, or is contracted to be transported over its own or some connecting railroad.

BILLS PASSED.

Relative to McDonald and Marion streets, Brooklyn; to change the name of Phœnix Fire Insurance Company, Brooklyn; requiring County Treasurers to give bonds to the State; amending the charter of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company of New-York; incorporating the American Exploring and Mining Company; requiring sailor boarding-house keepers and runners in New-York and Brooklyn to be licensed; appropriating $20,000 for a Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburgh. Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The House, in Committee of the Whole, ordered the Annual Appropriation Bill to a third reading.

The bill to confer power on the Five Points House of Industry to bind out children was considered.

Mr. VERDER moved to amend so as to require the consent of parents or guardians; or persons having legal control of the child. The amendment was debated at some length, and lost by 26 to 47 votes.

Mr. TUCKER moved to amend, that no child shall be apprenticed unless under the lawful charge and custody of the institution, which was lost. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. WILBUR offered the following, which was referred.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge the immediate passage of such acts or acts as may be necessary to cause a safe and speedy contraction of the national currency, and to compel the resumption of specie payments at the earliest practicable day.

Adjourned.

JAPAN.

Another Port Opened to Commerce—Ratification of Treaties by the Spiritual Emperor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Late advices from Japan state that the Ministers of the United States, Great Britain, France and Holland, to demand the opening of Hiogo, the chief port of the inland sea, had been successful. Mikado had ratified treaties entered into between the Tycoon and foreign Governments, admitting Japan into comity with other nations. All internal troubles caused by the presence of foreigners ceased at once, and even the quarrels between the Tycoon and Ohashir were rendered easy of settlement. The real power of the Tycoon is now to be acknowledged throughout Japan. The following are the demands made: First, ratification of treaties by Mikado; second, the opening of Hiogo; third, the revision of the tariff.

For three days and nights, amid the greatest excitement and preparations for war, and the movements of large bodies of troops, after the most earnest entreaties of the Tycoon and his representatives, the Spiritual Emperor, the Mikado, yielded his consent.

CHINA.

The Government Forces Defeated by the Banditti—Trade Broken up in the Northern Provinces—Threatened Difficulties Between France and China.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Feb. 5.

Hong Kong advices to the 16th of December state that the Northern banditti are still causing much trouble to the government, whose forces had been defeated and driven toward the Yellow River, where they had been cut off from communication. Trade in the provinces of Shantang and Honam was entirely destroyed by the banditti.

Complications are likely to arise between France and China concerning propagandism. The French Catholic missionaries have been driven from their missions, established under the privilege secured by treaty.

Foreign vessels continue to suffer from pirates on the Chinese coast.

The native cotton crop has generally proved a failure.

North Carolinia Matters.

WILMINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

Orders have been received here to immediately discontinue the military district of Wilmington. Brevet Brig.-Gen. GOFF, commanding, goes to the command of his regiment, the Thirty-seventh Colored. The headquarters of the Smithville military post will be retained here with a garrison of four companies, and the Twenty-eighth Michigan.

But three regiments of infantry now remain in the State, two colored and one white. It is thought that the department will be soon merged into that of Virginia or South Carolina. Brevet Lieut.-Col. BRADLEY, of the Veteran Reserve Corps, has assumed command of this department of the Freedmen's Bureau to-day, relieving Major WYCKERSHAM, now absent on leave. Major WYCKERSHAM has been a very successful and popular officer.

Lieut. DUCKINS, Thirtieth United States Colored, lately Ordnance Officer of this District, has been placed in close arrest, charged with malappropriation of public funds. He had had the disposition of a large amount of public property, including returns from the Fayetteville Arsenal, recently sold at auction under his direction. An inspection of his accounts, summarily made, disclosed facts not altogether satisfactory; hence his arrest.

Shipwrecks and Loss of Life, &c.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Thursday, Feb. 8.

The first mate and one seaman, the only survivors of the wreck of the British bark *Jenny*, from Liverpool for Savannah, wrecked off Cape Hatteras, on the 4th inst., have arrived. One man, his wife and child, passengers, the captain and sixteen of the crew were lost. Two men were picked up by a pilot boat and taken to Hilton Head. The Jenny had an assorted cargo, was 365 tons burden.

The bark *George S. Hunt* has arrived, bringing the crew of the schooner *Charles Williams*, abandoned at sea on the 20th.

The trial of G. B. LAMAR, Jr., on a charge of complicity with his uncle, G. B. LAMAR, for the embezzlement of Government cotton, has commenced before a military commission.

Meeting of the State Medical Society—The Prevention of Cholera—Election of Officers.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The State Medical Society reconvened at 9:30 this morning.

Resolutions were adopted declaring as the sense of the Society that the cholera may be mainly if not entirely prevented from becoming epidemic in any city, town or locality, by the adoption and enforcement of rigid hygenic measures; concurring in the recommendations of the Council of Hygiene and Public Health of New-York; returning thanks for the full and able report on epidemic cholera adopted by said Council Nov. 14, 1865, and recommending that a copy of the same be placed in the hands of all Common Councils, town authorities and Boards of Health; also thanking Drs. SANDS, MURPHY and SWINBURNE and Mayor HOFFMAN for their efforts to exclude the cholera from our shores.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, JOSEPH C. HUTCHINSON, of Brooklyn; Vice-President, JULIEN T. WILLIAMS, of Dunkirk; Secretary, WM. H. BAILEY, of Albany; Treasurer, J. V. P. QUACKENBUSH, of Albany.

The Schooner Gen. Sheridan Wrecked.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The schooner *Gen. Sheridan*, from Newfoundland Jan. 18, with a cargo of herrings for New-York, was wrecked off Cape Canso. Capt. BRYANT, master, and two men reached the shore in a boat. Two of the crew and a passenger named H. R. HOWARD are supposed to be lost.

Fire at Forest City, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The dry goods house of HALL & Co., at Forest City, Mo., was burned a few days since. Loss $35,000; insured for $15,000.

The Rhode Island Supreme Court.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Thursday, Feb. 8.

Judge BRAYTON declines the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, to which he was yesterday elected.

The Maryland Legislature.

BALTIMORE, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The resolutions of the House of Delegates of Maryland, indorsing President JOHNSON, were passed by the Senate to-day.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE ANNUAL ELECTION.—The annual election of officers for the American Institute took place last evening, at the rooms of the Institute. The result was the election of HORACE GREELEY for President, that gentleman having received 152 votes, against 127 cast for Gen. WM. HALL, the former President. The Vice-Presidents elected were D. S. GREGORY and EDWARD WALKER; Recording Secretary, JEREH BULL; Corresponding Secretary, S. D. TILLMAN; Treasurer, S. R. COMSTOCK. There was considerable excitement throughout the afternoon and evening, and at one time the contest was very close.

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The most expressive gift of nature;

With the SOZODONT keep pure

Its rose and ivory furniture.

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ARRIVAL OF STEAMSHIPS.—Notice of the arrival of steamships and sailing vessels will be sent to parties desirous of hearing of their friends from the city or surrounding country by leaving their address at the office of the Sandy Hook Telegraph, Nos. 50 and 52 Pine-st.

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Passengers Sailed.

In steamship Vera Cruz, for Havana and Vera Cruz—Mrs. Keith, nurse and child, Manuel Aporte Aporto, Robert Madan, Jas. Craig and wife, Adolf Holthaus, James D. Hutton, FRANZ Ludwig Michaelir, Theo. W. Mead, F. A. Wurmser, Juan Martin, Manuel Aporte, Jr., Jos. Kyk, Mr. Ulleras, Henry Hewett, W. R. Fortier, John Byrne, Antonio Entenso, Adolf Busch, Paul Grenelle, Bernard Schlemer, Juan Martin, H. W. G. Paradis, Cristobal Bass, Emil Wilbert, Miss E. Gordon, Jean Perrier, C. Crir, Miss Matilde Moreyou, Miss Maria Farmeno, Jose Maria Traveer, Ramon Sanches y Gomez, Joaquin Dumatin, Wm. Connelly.

Passengers Arrived.

FEB. 7—*In steamship Fulton, from Havre*—A. C. Downing, A. Sattler, G. Partridge, Jr., Chas. Brewer, C. A. Girard, de Rurjes, Miss E. Quisson, Mrs. S. Hasle, A. Debost, Mr. and Mrs. Condict, Mrs. S. Condict, Mrs. E. Six, Miss C. Wiekenden, G. Bonnerat.

FEB. 8—*In steamship Moravian, from Glasgow*—Robert Mackenzie, Mrs. Mackenzie and child, Miss Hall, T. Cohen, Felix Lessing, W. Kaan, Dr. Thos. Peter, and 200 in second cabin and steerage.

FEB. 8—*In steamship Hansa, from Liverpool*—Mr. Bowen and family, Mrs. Mc. Connon and daughter, Miss J. Counce, Miss A. Counce, and 327 in the steerage.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises..... 7 20 | Sun sets..... 5 27 | Moon rises... 2 04

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook.. 2 40 | Gov. Island. 3 29 | Hell Gate.... 4 51

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....THURSDAY, Feb. 8.

Cleared.

Steamships Virgo, Bulkley, Savannah, Murray, Ferris & Co.; Emily B. Souder, Lockwood, Charleston, Livingston, Fox & Co.; Vera Cruz, Murray, Vera Cruz and Matanzas, C. A. Whitney; Hunter, Rogers, Savannah, L. L. Jones.

Steamers Eastern City, Munday, Philadelphia; Doris, Walden, Boston, Neptune Steamship Co.

Brigs Anna D. Terry, Pressy, Charleston, Brown & Vanderbilt; Bertha Remstorff, (Brax.,) Sarmanho, Para, C. Ladmann & Co.

Schooners George Washington, Peck, Stamford; Willie Dill, Farrows, Fernandina, Thomas & Holmes; Geo. Thomas, Laughlan, Baltimore, M. Bedell.

Arrived.

Steamship Fulton, Wotton, Havre and Falmouth at 12:45 P. M. Jan. 25, with mdse. and passengers to Isaac Bell. Feb. 7, at 4 P. M., signalized Br. bark Silver Craig, in lat. 40 56, lon. 70 13.

Steamship Bavaria, (Hamb.,) Taube, Hamburg Jan. 21, and Southampton 25th, with mdse. and 328 passengers to Kunhardt & Co. Had strong westerly gales. Lat. 46 N., lon. 47 W., passed large ice fields.

Steamship Tripoli, (Br.,) Harrison, Liverpool Jan. 24, with mdse. to E. Cunard. Feb. 4, lat. 41 40, lon. 68 37, passed steamship Kangaroo, hence for Liverpool.

Steamship Helvetia, Ogelbie, Liverpool Jan. 24, and Queenstown 26th, with mdse. and 296 passengers to National Steam Navigation Co. Jan. 27, lat. 51 20, lon. 19 12, passed steamship Canada, bound E.

Steamship Eagle, Lawrence, Havana Feb. 3, at 1½ P. M., with mdse. and passengers to Spofford, Tileston & Co.

Steamship Tybee, Crowell, Savannah, with mdse. and passengers to C. Lane.

Steamer Ellen S. Terry, Bearse, Newbern, N. C., with mdse. and passengers to O. Goodspeed.

Brig Venus, (Br.,) Doody, Halifax, N. S., 11 ds., with fish to D. R. De Wolf & Co. Had very heavy weather.

Brig Hans Gude, (Norw.,) Dere, Tagenrog, via Constantinople 84 ds., with wool to Holmboe & Co. Has been 14 ds. N. of Hatteras, with heavy N. and N. W. winds.

Brig Gazelle, (Br.,) Meshod, Dassoy, Malaga 44 ds., with fruit, &c., to A. P. Francis.

Schr. J. Martin, (Br.,) Gouger, Cornwallis 20 ds., with potatoes to Duryea & Hyde.

Schr. Col. Ellsworth, Dobson, George's Banks, N. F., with fish on order.

Schr. F. C. Smith, Hathorne, Crystal River.

Schr. E. F. Prindle, Bard, Annamessex, Va.

By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Feb. 8—Arr. bark Maria, from Leghorn; schr. N. & D. Soudder, from Port-au-Prince.

Also arr. brigs Torrent, Port-au-Prince; Lorans, Galveston; bark A. C. Small, Cienfuegos.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 7—Arr. steamship Cassandra, McLoughlin, Boston.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3—Arr. ship B. F. Kimball, Dearborn, Baltimore.

Domestic Ports.

HOLMES' HOLE, Feb. 8, P. M.—Arr. schrs. Lucy, Appleby, Eastport, for New-York.

Sailed—Schrs. Wm. Bateman and R. H. Godfrey.

7th—Arr. U. S. steamer Mackinaw, (double ender,) Gregg, Portsmouth, N. H., for Fortress Monroe, and steamer Charles Pearson, Nash, to tow brig Valencia to Boston. Schrs. Lunt, Brown, Boston, for Baltimore; Saginaw, Dodge, Portland, for New-York; Rainbow, Dodge, Bangor, for do.

Sailed—U. S. steamer Mackinaw, brig Catherine Rodgers, schrs. R. H. Perkins, Elmer W. Wright, Geo. L. Green, Emma A. Higgins, Gertrude, Sarah Buck, W. Frankin, Ella F. Powell and Lucy.

8 A. M.—Wind, E. N. E.

Sailed—Steamer Chas. Pearson, brig Valencia, schrs. [illegible]er, (Br.,) Francis, Annie Eldridge, Maria S. Lunt, Rainbow and Saginaw.

Foreign Ports.

[PER PERUVIAN.]

Arr. from New-York, Daniel Webster, at Deal; Polar Star, at Liverpool.

Arr. from Boston, Princess of Wales, at Lowestoft.

Arr. from Philadelphia, Ridel, at Bremen; Sirene, at Falmouth.

Arr. from New-Orleans, Adelaide, at Havre; Pycayune, at Liverpool.

MEM.—The Humboldt, from Hamburg for New-York, was at Falmouth, short of provisions.

Part of an American built schooner and cargo of birch had washed ashore at Donegal.

The Peruvian passed a steamer off Cape Sable, which Capt. Balantine supposed to be the St. Lawrence, from London for Portland. The Peruvian also passed, Jan. 27, ship Corra Linn, lat. 54 50, lon. 11 20.

GRAND TRIAL OF SEWING MACHINES.

THE WILLCOX & GIBBS TRIUMPHANT.

IT IS DECLARED THE BEST MACHINE,

AND

AWARDED THE HIGHEST PREMIUM.

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LIST OF POINTS.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE.

THE TRIAL.

At the Great Union Fair, held at Island Park, between Albany and Troy, Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1865, two Premiums were offered on Sewing Machines, one for the *Best Sewing Machine*, and the other for the *Second Best*—competition being open to the State.

On the first day of the Fair, the Troy Agent of the Florence Sewing Machine Company, having, jointly with the Albany Agent of the same Machine, entered it for competition, published in the Troy *Daily Times* a challenge to Agents of other Sewing Machines to meet them at said Fair and compete with them for the Premium.

The challenge was accepted by the Troy and Albany Agents of the Willcox & Gibbs Machine. And no other kind of Sewing Machine being in competition, it was left for these two Machines, (one representing the old double-thread, "lock" or "shuttle stitch" *class*, and the other the new, single-thread, "twisted loop stitch" *class*,) by this single-handed contest, to decide the relative merits of these two *classes* of Sewing Machines.

The competitors being allowed to choose the Judges, each party selected one, and these two selected a third—all of them *practical machinists*, and two of them *sewing-machine experts*; who, being approved by the Officers of the Fair, were appointed Judges, as will be seen by the Official Certificate below.

Before entering upon the trial, the following programme for conducting it was mutually agreed upon between the contestants, and adopted by the judges: Each party was to prepare and submit to the judges a *list* of the several *points of merit* on account of which *superiority* was claimed. These *points* were to be separately considered, thoroughly investigated, and practically tested, by work done then and there, upon each of the machines, and then decided in favor of the machine which was adjudged to excel on that "point."

It was also agreed that each party should be at liberty to expose *defects* in the competing machine, and have the right to call for *tests* to prove the same.

Finally, it was agreed that the machine which, at the conclusion of the trial, should be found to have the greatest number of those "points" decided in its favor, should be declared the "BEST SEWING MACHINE," and awarded the "FIRST PREMIUM."

The Agents of the Willcox & Gibbs machine were assisted by Mr. BATTEY, one of the Company's general Agents, as Manager at the trial; and the Agents of the Florence Machine by Mr. TUCKER, one of the best Sewing Machine experts in the country, in the same capacity. Mr. TUCKER was formerly connected with the Florence Manufactory, as an *Adjuster* of the machines, and was probably as competent to represent their machine efficiently, both in working it and in advocating its claims, as any person connected with that establishment. The result of the trial was, that the WILLCOX & GIBBS won the victory and the prize, by the extraordinary superiority of *thirty-two* points decided in its favor, against *two* points in favor of the Florence.

Full notes were taken of the trial, including the practical tests made, the discussions elicited, and the facts developed. A few of the most important of these notes will be found interspersed in the two "*Lists of Points*"—each Note immediately following the Point to which it relates—with the *Decision* of the Judges in *italics* between the Point and the Note.

REPORT OF THE JUDGES.

To the Officers of the Union Fair: We, the undersigned, appointed a Special Committee to inspect the merits of the several Sewing Machines entered for Premiums, would respectfully report: That two Machines were entered—the Willcox and Gibbs and the Florence Sewing Machines.

In prosecuting the examination, it was agreed by the Agents representing the two Machines to render to your Committee, in writing, the peculiar *points* on which they based their claim of *superiority*, and in testing the Machines each *point* was to be taken separately, and, after a fair trial, adjudged to the best of our ability. Each agent presented their claims in due form, copies of which will be found below.

For the Willcox and Gibbs Machine, *thirty-two* distinct claims were made for its superiority, ALL of which were sustained; whereas, for the Florence Machine but *ten* were presented, *two* of which were sustained.

After a thorough and impartial trial, your Committee have decided to award to the Willcox and Gibbs Machine the FIRST PREMIUM, on the ground of its excelling in the greatest number of *points* presented. To the Florence Machine, for having the advantage of a "reversible feed," and using the least thread, we award the *Second Premium*.

September 22, 1865.

SYDNEY D. TUCKER,
L. C. CHAMPNEY,
JOSEPH WHEELOCK, } Judges.

LIST OF POINTS

ON WHICH SUPERIORITY WAS CLAIMED FOR THE FLORENCE MACHINE.

1. A reversible feed. *Claim duly sustained.*

NOTE.—The capacity of reversing the feed was decided to be an advantage, but not to the extent claimed; the alleged superiority consisting of seam being considered by the Judges inwhich, as against the Willcox & Gibbs Machine, which fastens off its own seam quite as effectively and more neatly, without any extra labor, or any care, and without any special device for that purpose.

2. It makes four different stitches. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—After a very thorough trial on this point, it was decided that neither of these four stitches is as good, for general purposes, as the "twisted loop stitch" of the Willcox and Gibbs. It was urged, in support of this claim, that the extra stitches are useful in certain kinds of work, where greater elasticity is required. But it was the opinion of the judges that the advantage thus gained was not sufficient to compensate for the resulting complication of the Machine; while it was *proved*, by positive tests, that the "Willcox and Gibbs stitch"—which is always more elastic than the "lock stitch"—may be made more elastic than *either* of their stitches, by simply shortening it, more or less, according to the *degree* of elasticity required.

3. It works from thick to thin fabrics, or over an uneven surface, without missing stitches and without change of tension, needle or stitch. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—The trial test upon this claim was short, but decisive. The Willcox and Gibbs Agent took a piece of fine hem'd linen, and folded it double, with a small roll of the same material, of twelve thicknesses, placed between the two folds; and sewed across the whole, at right angles with the ridge formed by the roll, thus passing from two, over fourteen thicknesses of the goods, repeating it several times, and then handed it to the Florence Agent, who, on the second attempt, succeeded in sewing across the same. Again, the Willcox and Gibbs Agent folded the piece so as to double the ridge over lengthwise upon itself, and with diffficulty sewed across from the four thicknesses over the twenty-eight, and back again; the other course of this trial was attempted by the Florence Agent, on again attempting to "follow copy," broke his needle the moment it struck the ridge, and abandoned any further effort to sustain this claim.

4. The advantage of a double thread, as in all shuttle machines. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—This claim gave rise to a protracted and severely contested trial, the result of which was, an unanimous decision of the judges that the "advantage" is not on the side of "a double thread," but on that of a "single thread" as used by the Willcox & Gibbs machine.

5. It will do a greater range and variety of work than any other machine, being used for shirt and collar making both in A many and Troy; also for tailors' work. It will hem (narrow and wide) tuck, fell, bind, stitch, quilt, gather and sew on, (or "puff,") and will do anything that can be done on any other machine, except embroidery; it can also do ornamental stitching. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—In the trial upon this claim, it was shown, to the satisfaction of the judges, that the Willcox and Gibbs machine will do quite as many things, and "range as variety of work" as the Florence; while the *quality* of the work done upon the former was pronounced decidedly *superior* to that of the work done on the latter.

During this test one of the judges called attention to the fact that the stitching of the Florence machine was much soiled with oil—a defect which he had noticed, he said, in all the work done on that machine during the trial. This being regarded by the judges as a serious defect, especially in all kinds of work upon *white* goods, considerable time was spent in the effort to ascertain the cause. The investigation resulted in a conclusion that the defect was owing to a cause inherent in this machine itself.

6. It has a self-adjusting tension on the under thread; the stitch is alike on both sides. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—There being no other double-thread machine in competition, this claim was improperly made—since there could be no advantage over the Willcox and Gibbs machine in the non-*existing* character of a tension which the Willcox and Gibbs neither had nor required. It was therefore decided that whether their under-tension be self-adjusting or not, their claim of *superiority* on this point was not sustained. Moreover, it did not appear from the tests made that said tension is reliably uniform, but that it requires attention; and hence the stitch is not to any extent alike on both sides, but more or less variable; being generally the fairest on the upper side.

7. The stitches will not rip if one is broken or worn off; yet it can be taken out, in case a mistake is made in placing the fabric. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—A variety of tests were made on this point, each terminating in the same result, and proving conclusively that the Florence seam *will* "rip if a stitch is broken"—and much more easily than the Willcox and Gibbs; and that it is *not so easily* "taken out" when desired.

8. It uses less thread than other machines. *Claim sustained.*

NOTE.—This claim was not tested, the Agent of the Willcox and Gibbs machine *conceding* it. At the same time he remarked that the peculiar wording of this claim was all that saved it, for if it had been claimed that the Florence *consumed* less thread than the Willcox and Gibbs, instead of "*used*" less, they could not have sustained the claim—it being a fact, as he claimed, that while the Florence may use less thread in the seam, it wastes still more at the ends of the seam.

9. The manner in which the threads are drawn when making the stitch; no dependence being placed upon wire coils; every motion being positive, and the stitch certainly and securely drawn tight. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—The decision of the judges on this claim was, that the Florence has the advantage over the Willcox and Gibbs in either of the points named.

10. The Florence is as easily managed as any machine in the world. *Claim of superiority not sustained.*

NOTE.—The absurdity of this claim had been already so thoroughly manifested, that no test was offered or required.

LIST OF POINTS

ON WHICH SUPERIORITY WAS CLAIMED FOR THE WILLCOX AND GIBBS MACHINE.

1. It is the simplest. *Claim sustained.*
2. It is the least liable to get out of order. *Sustained.*
3. It is the best made machine; every part being an exact duplicate—which is not the case with the Florence. *Sustained.*
4. It is the cheapest. *Sustained.*
5. It runs the stillest. *Sustained.*
6. It runs the easiest. *Sustained.*
7. It runs the fastest. *Sustained.*
8. It has the best device to prevent the wheel running backward. *Claim sustained.*

NOTE.—The Florence machine has no such device.

9. It requires less mechanical skill to operate it. *Sustained.*
10. It requires less time and instruction to learn to use it. *